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THE STORY SO FAR

WHEN MADOKA'S PARENTS HIT THE ONE MILLION YEN JACKPOT, HER REGULAR-HIGH SCHOOL LIFE IS TURNED UPSIDE DOWN! WHILE MADOKA'S PARENTS GO OFF IN PURSUIT TO BECOME DOCTORS, MADOKA IS LEFT TO STAY AT THE GUESTHOUSE OF THE ASAGI FAMILY.

MADOKA DATED TOMOYO, THE SON OF THE ASAGI'S, BUT BROKE IT OFF AFTER NOTICING HER ATTENTIONS STRAYING TOWARDS ONO WHO ALSO HAS A STRANGE RUMOR CONCERNING HIM.

AFTER GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL, ONO GOES ABROAD AND MADOKA LEAVES THE ASAGI'S GUESTHOUSE. SOON AFTER SHE LEAVES, HER CALLS TO TOMOYO ARE BLOCKED.

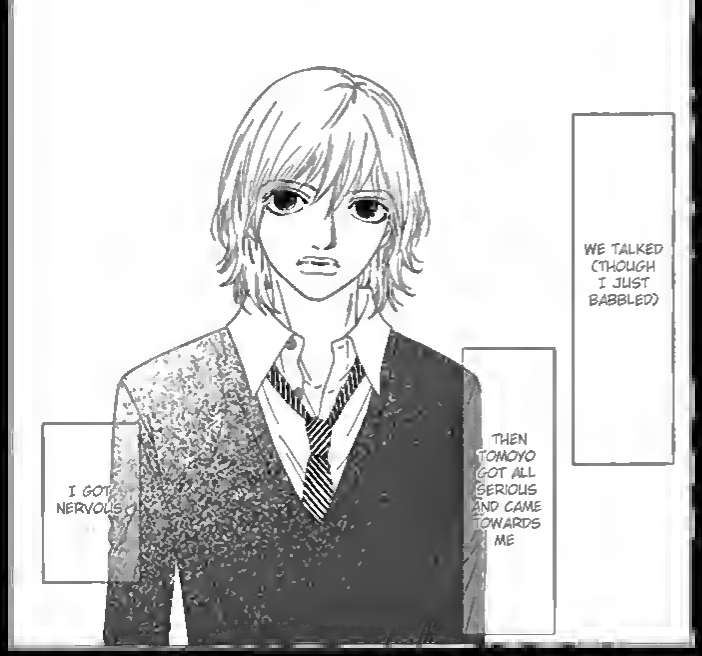
WHEN MADOKA ENTERS HER SECOND YEAR AT THE UNIVERSITY, SHE RUNS INTO TOMOYO NEAR CHIZURU-SAN'S HOSPITAL. DESPITE HER FERVENT FEELINGS TOMOYO HAS THE EXACT OPPOSITE TO WHERE SHE FINDS HE HAS A GIRLFRIEND NAMED RUNA.

WHILE SHE WORRIES ABOUT CHIZURU-SAN'S HEALTH, ONO COMES BACK TO JAPAN. THE WEIGHT ON MADOKA'S SHOULDERS IS LIFTED SUDDENLY (WITH ONO'S HELP). SHE REALIZES THAT SHE'S LOVED TOMOYO ALL ALONG.

I'LL EAT WHAT I LIKE
LISTEN TO MUSIC I LIKE
CLAP
CLAP
CLAP
AND TAKE MY TIME SLEEPING ON MY OWN BED!
I'M FINALLY HOME!!
AHHH!!
HAH?
OH.
ALRIGHT, I'LL JUMP IN!
IT'S READY NOW!
MADOKA, THE BATH?!
It's been a while since you had free time.
I'M TELLING YOU NOW, DON'T FUSS OVER ME TODAY.
DO WHATEVER YOU LIKE!

I can manage somehow or other
YOUR SIMPLE RESPONSE REALLY WORRIED ME
WHEN I TOLD YOU CHIZURU-SAN WANTED HOME CARE
IT SEEMED LIKE CHIZURU-SAN CONSPIRED WITH ME AND KEPT IT FROM MY PARENTS
OH, THEY FIGURED OUT YOUR "SWITCH"?
IT BENEFITED NO ONE. SO SHE KEPT QUIET.
IT'S MY FAULT MY PARENTS AND CHIZURU-SAN AREN'T ON GOOD TERMS.
IT SEEMS MY MOTHER CONVINCED MY DAD.
IN THE END
Chizuru-san's children don't have half her strength.
I WONDER IF IT ISN'T THE FIRST TIME SHE'S OPPOSED HIM.

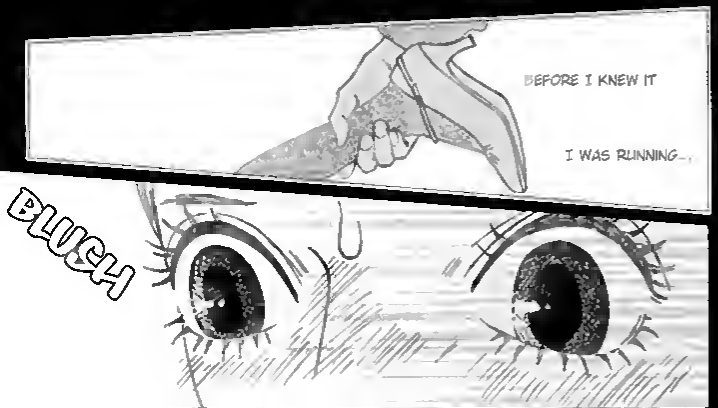
Welcome [illegible] Chizuru-san!
SHE'S SO EXCITED AT BEING RELEASED SHE MIGHT COLLAPSE.
OKAY.
ALRIGHT!
...SHE DIDN'T EVEN NOTICE THE DECORATIONS.
Hmm.
Yay! My own Bath!
THUD
THUD
THUD
BUT I HONESTLY NEVER THOUGHT CHIZURU-SAN WOULD BE DISCHARGED.
Stop it.
WANT SOME COFFEE?
YOUR PARENTS WERE SUPER AGAINST IT.
SHE CAN NEVER LIVE ON HER OWN NOW.



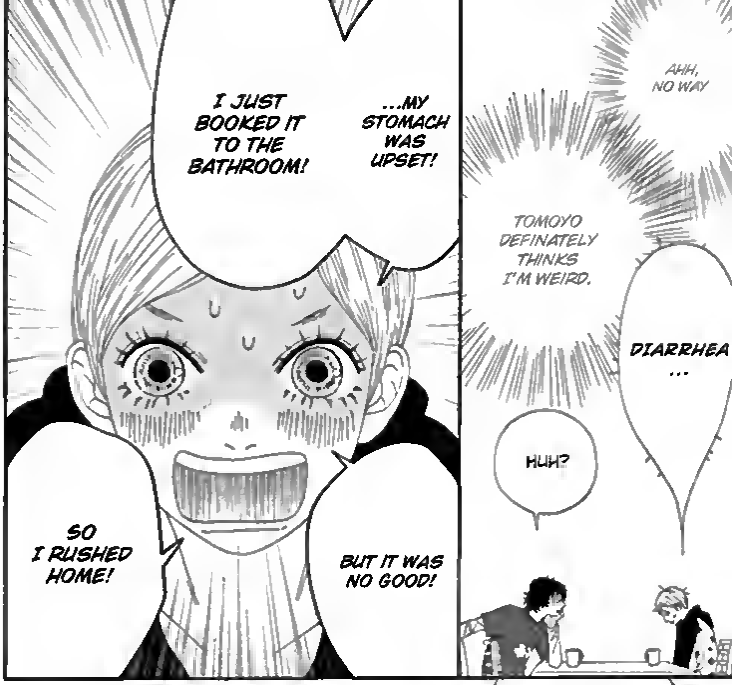
I FELT CORNERED

I KNEW I WAS GETTING REDDER BY THE SECOND.

I GOT A BLOOD RUSH TO MY HEAD FROM MY NERVES.



YESTERDAY AT THE HOSPITAL



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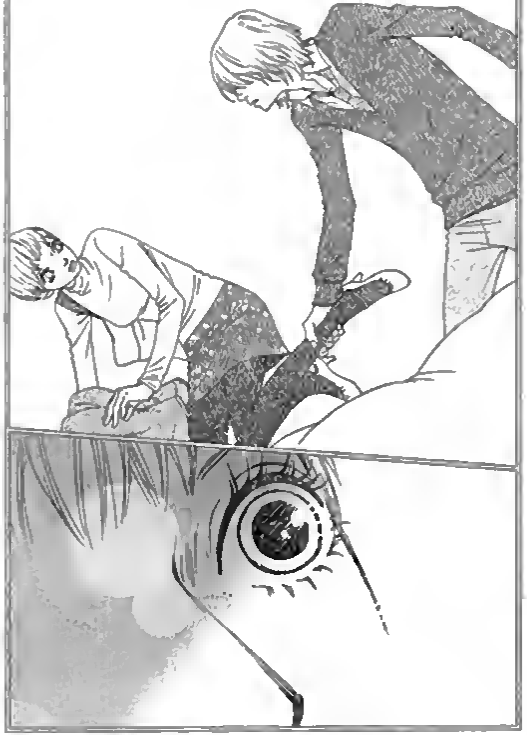
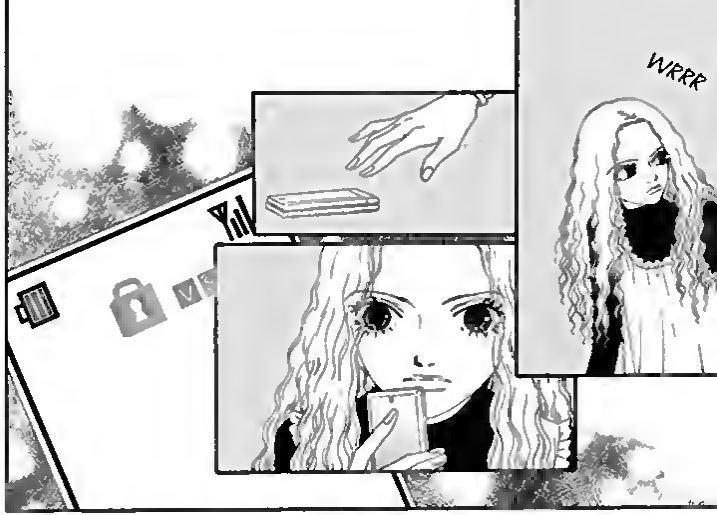
Hi there.
This is Ikefumi Rikako

Hello.





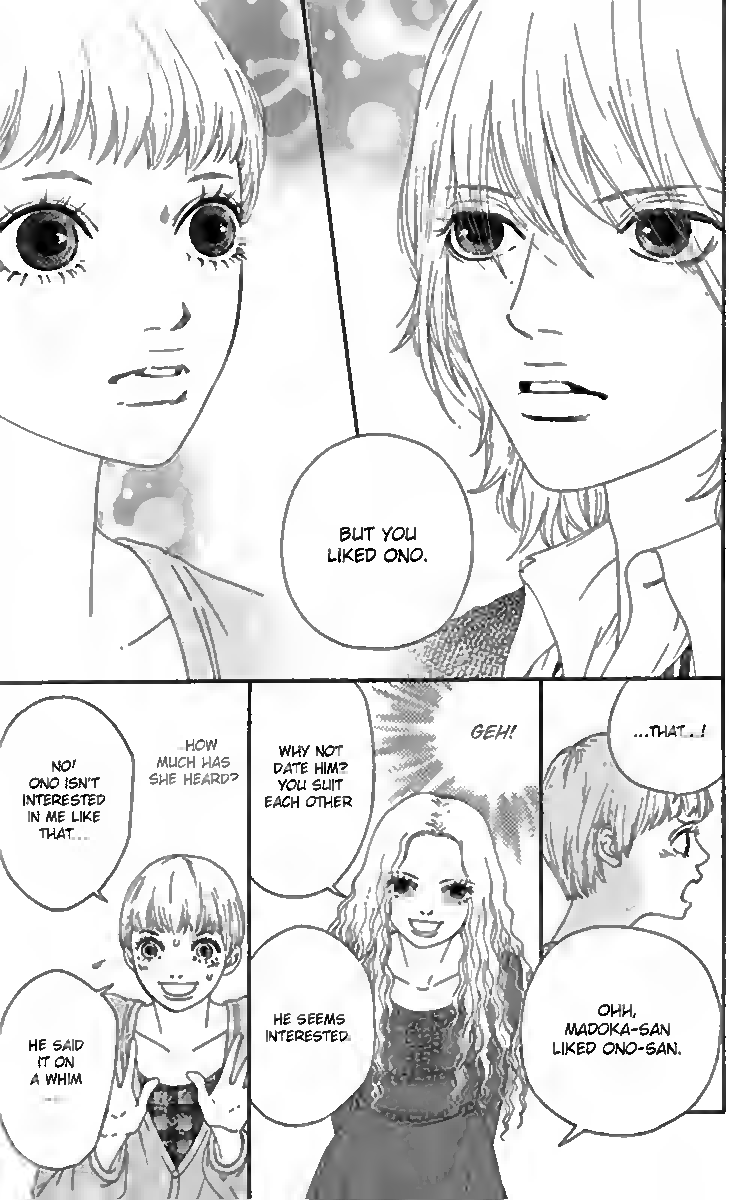
NO!
THAT'S A VAGUE REPLY...
YOU SURE?
SHE REALLY IS OKAY! IT'S NO BIG DEAL!
WELL
I THINK SHE'S FINE.
I WORRY SHE'LL STILL SLEEP HALF NAKED EVEN WITH A COLD...
WELL, I HAVE PEACE OF MIND WITH YOU NEXT DOOR
AT LEAST IT'S NOTHING MAJOR.
I'LL GO TO MY CLASS THEN
HALF NAKED?
AH!
TAROU-KUN!
SURE
WHAT IS IT, GOTOU?
WE'LL GO AHEAD
I THINK I'LL STOP BY AND SEE IF SHE HAS A FEVER.
YEAH..
SHE TEXTED, "I HAVE A COLD." IS SHE OKAY?
ATSUKO HAS BEEN ABSENT SINCE YESTERDAY.

NO, I'M GOING TO TOMOYO'S HOUSE LATER.
EH. .? ARE YOU DIETING?
You're already skinny
OH, NO THANK YOU ON THE CAKE.
WELL, ENJOY .
I WAS ASKED TO HAVE DINNER WITH THEM.
YOU HAD HER COOKING WHEN YOU LIVED THERE, RIGHT?
THE MISSES' COOKING IS DELICIOUS, ISN'T IT?
YOU'D THINK ASAGI MAMA WOULD HATE BEING CALLED THE MISSES...
I WAS NEVER INVITED OVER FOR DINNER

WOW! YOU HAVE A LOT OF RECORDS!!
AH, A KOTO!
YOU REALLY WERE A KOTO TEACHER!
DID YOU THINK I WAS LYING?
EH?
NO, I DON'T FEEL LIKE IT.
PLEASE PLAY FOR ME!
TOMOYO
OH, SURE
CAN YOU TAKE THE TEA AND CAKE OVER?

THANKS
HERE
SIT
...AH?
HUH?
HE'S NOT LEAVING?
WHERE'S ONO TODAY?

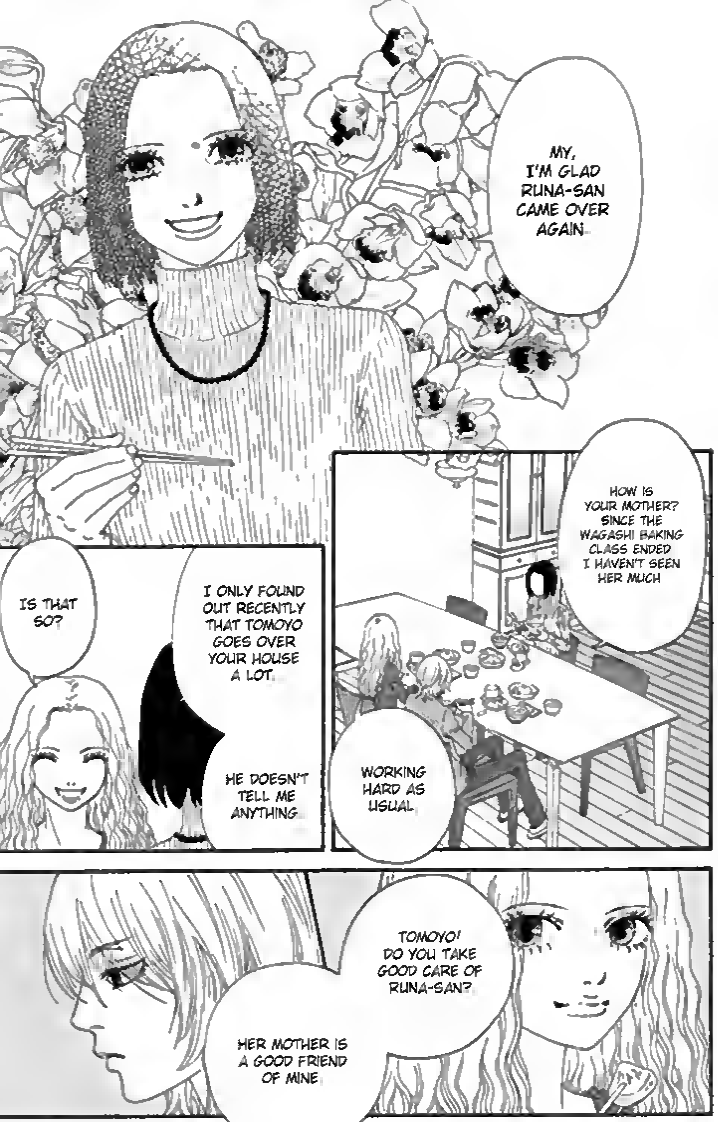
TOMOYO ACTED LIKE USUAL
EVEN THOUGH I TEXTED HIM THAT EXCUSE
MAYBE HE NEVER CARED IN THE FIRST PLACE
HE NEVER REPLIED EITHER ..
More cake!!
@LATTE?
ARGH! NOW I LOOK LIKE AN IDIOT FOR USING DIARRHEA!!
I'D LIKE MORE COFFEE PLEASE


BUT YOU LIKED ONO.
...THAT..!
GEH!
WHY NOT DATE HIM? YOU SUIT EACH OTHER
...HOW MUCH HAS SHE HEARD?
NO! ONO ISN'T INTERESTED IN ME LIKE THAT...
OHH, MADOKA-SAN LIKED ONO-SAN.
HE SEEMS INTERESTED.
HE SAID IT ON A WHIM

ARE YOU HERE OFTEN?
YEAH.
HE'S BUYING STUFF...
HE WENT OUT.
I CAN'T DO IT EVERY DAY...
WHAT'S WITH THE QUESTIONS?
HOW OFTEN?
ARE YOU DATING ONO?
...WHA-
HE'S JUMPING THE GUN!!
YOU'RE NOT?
ONO TOLD ME.
CLATTER
NO!! WE'RE NOT DATING! WE'RE FRIENDS!

EH? REALLY?
RUNA
LET'S GO BACK TO CHIZURU-SAN
I KNOW! SHOW ME YOUR FAVORITE RECORDS!
YOU'RE SPILLING MY COFFEE
HOW IS CHIZURU-SAN DOING?
I'M HOME.

RUNA
OHH, HE ASKED YOU OUT.
MADOKA-SAN LOOKS CUTE ALL RED
I'M NOT INTERESTED IN A BOYFRIEND RIGHT NOW...!
ONO IS A REALLY GOOD FRIEND!
WE'RE NOT DATING ...!


MY, I'M GLAD RUNA-SAN CAME OVER AGAIN
HOW IS YOUR MOTHER? SINCE THE WAGASHI BAKING CLASS ENDED I HAVEN'T SEEN HER MUCH
WORKING HARD AS USUAL
I ONLY FOUND OUT RECENTLY THAT TOMOYO GOES OVER YOUR HOUSE A LOT
IS THAT SO?
HE DOESN'T TELL ME ANYTHING
TOMOYO! DO YOU TAKE GOOD CARE OF RUNA-SAN?
HER MOTHER IS A GOOD FRIEND OF MINE

...OW?!
WACK
HEY!
BUZZ BUZZ
WHAT WAS THAT, MADOKA?!
Tomoyo
I m sorry about today
Take care of your stomach

I'M JUST BEING HONEST.
YOU'RE GETTING MORE AND MORE SNARKY LATELY
MADOKA-SAN STILL LIKES YOU.

I'M NOT INTERESTED IN HER LIKE THAT.
LISTEN
EH? I NOTICED IT WHEN WE FIRST MET.
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

SHE HAS THE EYES OF A HAWK
THE MISSES MUST HAVE NOTICED.
I DON'T FEEL LIKE EXPLAINING IT.

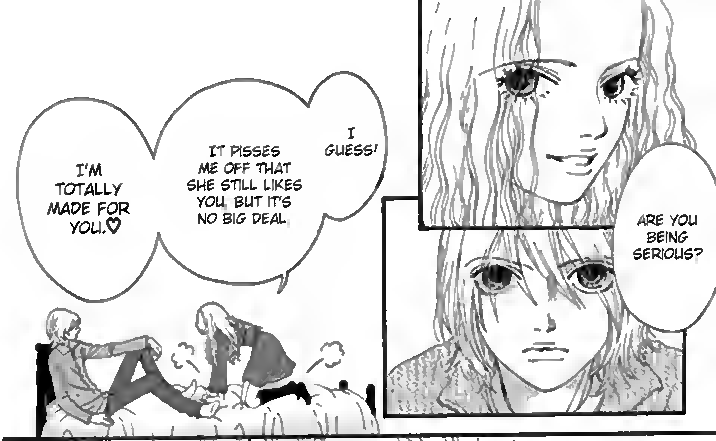
YOU TOOK OFF YOUR RING AT HOME.

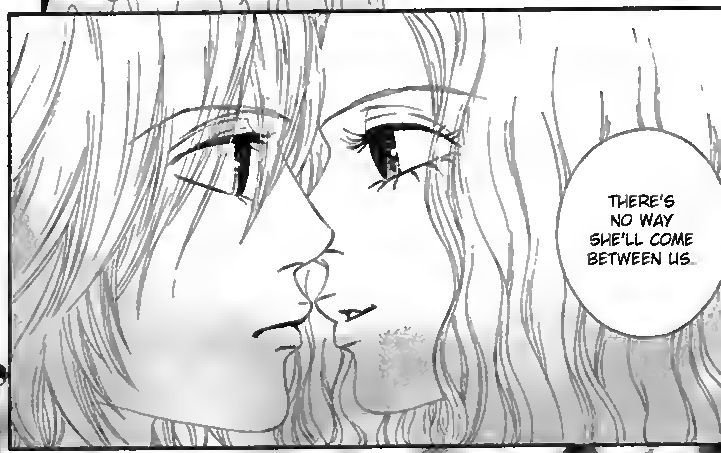
INTERESTING THINGS?
I SAW LOTS OF INTERESTING THINGS TODAY
ALL WELL. I FORGIVE YOU.♡

THE MOST INTERESTING THOUGH WAS MADOKA-SAN'S BLUSHING FACE.
AS USUAL, YOUR MOTHER'S "I'M WEALTHY" ATTITUDE WAS SO-SO.
CHIZURU-SAN'S SOUNDPROOF ROOM AND RECORDS WERE AMAZING

YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE I LOVE IN THE WHOLE WORLD.
THERE'S NO ONE ELSE FOR ME.

GOTOU!
I LIKE YOU!!


I'M TOTALLY MADE FOR YOU.♡
IT PISSES ME OFF THAT SHE STILL LIKES YOU, BUT IT'S NO BIG DEAL.
I GUESS!
ARE YOU BEING SERIOUS?


THERE'S NO WAY SHE'LL COME BETWEEN US.

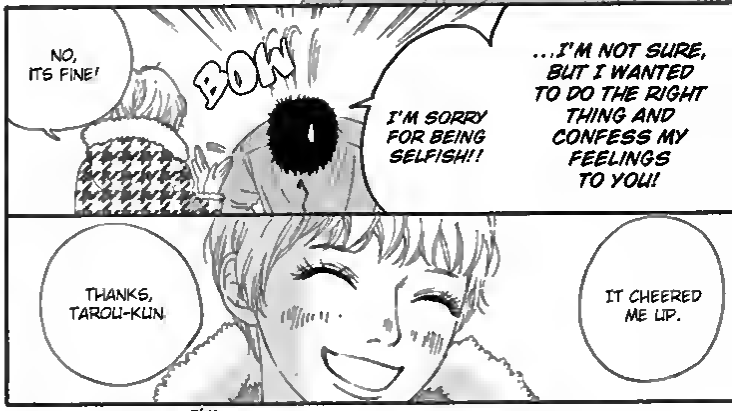
I LOVE YOU, TOMOYO.
I LOVE YOU.
I LOVE YOU.

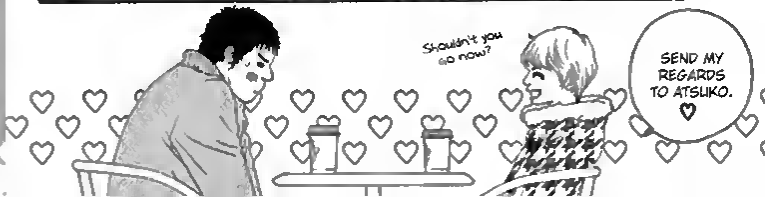
I'VE ONLY EVER SEEN ATSUKO AS A CHILDHOOD FRIEND, SO I'M CONFUSED.
I FIGURED I'D TELL HER ONCE I TOLD YOU MY FEELINGS.
..IT WASN'T A COLD..
Oh dear
IT WAS SUDDEN
BUT SOMEHOW
I COULDN'T SAY IT.

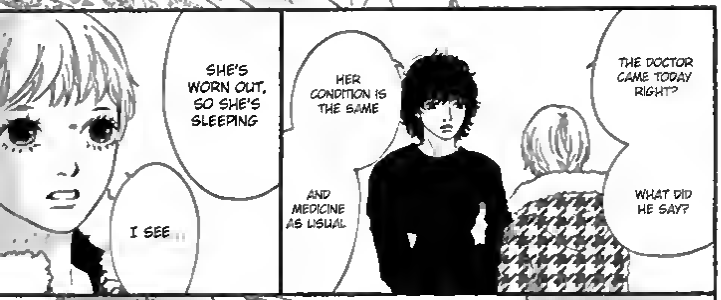
I THINK I WANT TO DATE YOU!!
I'VE LIKED YOU THE WHOLE TIME!!
I THINK YOU'RE REALLY CUTE!!
ERM
I..
You're shouting
TAROU-KUN
I KNEW ALL THAT.
YOU LIKE THAT TOMOYO KID, RIGHT?
IT'S OKAY
EHH?!
SERIOUSLY?!
ATSUKO TOLD ME SHE LIKED ME
SHE SAID SHE WON'T LEAVE HER PLACE TILL I ANSWER HER.. SHE'S BEEN THERE THE WHOLE TIME
SHE SAID..

THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
FROM HERE ON OUT, ATSUKO AND TAROU-KUN WILL BE IN A RELATIONSHIP WHERE THEY KISS AND HOLD EACH OTHER.
AWW.
EH? UWAAH.
HOW SWEET!
HE ALWAYS HAD AN INDIFFERENT LOOK TO HIM
HE'S COMPLETELY DIFFERENT FROM THE TOMOYO I KNEW
WHY DO I STILL LIKE TOMOYO?

I'M WORRIED ABOUT ATSUKO.
IT SURPRISES ME AT HOW MUCH...
I WORRY.. SHE'S ALWAYS ON MY MIND...
..YEAH.


...I'M NOT SURE, BUT I WANTED TO DO THE RIGHT THING AND CONFESS MY FEELINGS TO YOU!
BOK!
I'M SORRY FOR BEING SELFISH!!
NO, IT'S FINE!
IT CHEERED ME UP.
THANKS, TAROU-KUN.


Shouldn't you go now?
SEND MY REGARDS TO ATSUKO. ♡



NOW WHEN I LOOK AT HIM

I SEE MORE

SILENCE AND INTENSENESS

LAUGHTER AND ANGER..

SO WHY DOES IT STILL

HURT TO LOOK AT TOMOYO?

WHY DO I BLUSH LIKE I'M EXCITED AT THE MEMORY

OF TOMOYO GRABBING MY ANKLE?

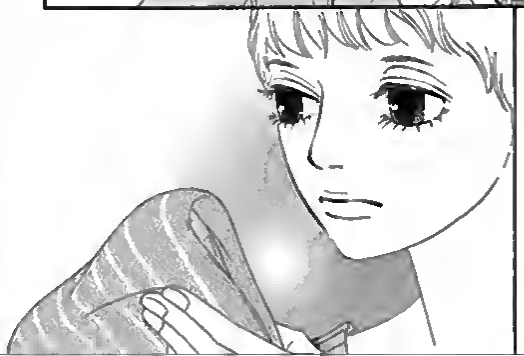
Inside Scoop 1

The easiest character to draw

Mamma Papa

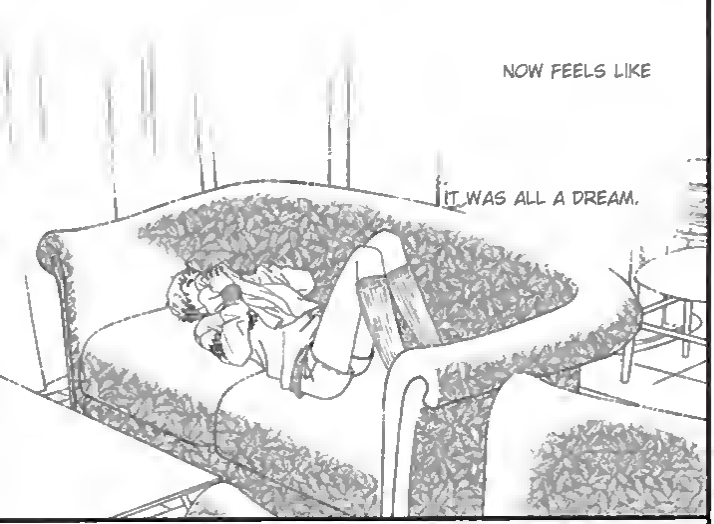
He wears his emotions on his sleeve

Useless old man

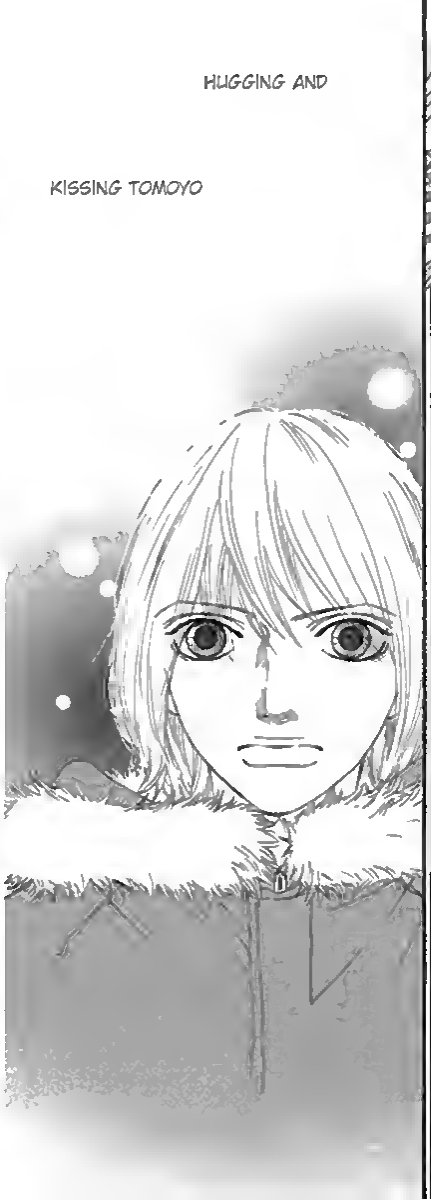


TOMOYO WAS ALWAYS WITHIN ARM'S REACH DURING HIGH SCHOOL.
NOW HE'S LIKE A FAR OFF DREAM.

ONO
YOU'RE GOING OUT?
I FORGOT SOMETHING HERE
YEAH
WHAT DID YOU COME BACK FOR?
WAS THAT SCARF A PRESENT FROM RUNA-CHAN?
NO, YOU IDIOT.
WELL, COME IN
MADOKA IS HERE
LOCK THE DOOR AFTER YOU.
CHIZURU-SAN'S SLEEPING, SO BE QUIET


NOW FEELS LIKE
IT WAS ALL A DREAM.

...
TOMOYO
...


HUGGING AND
KISSING TOMOYO

NO WAY...

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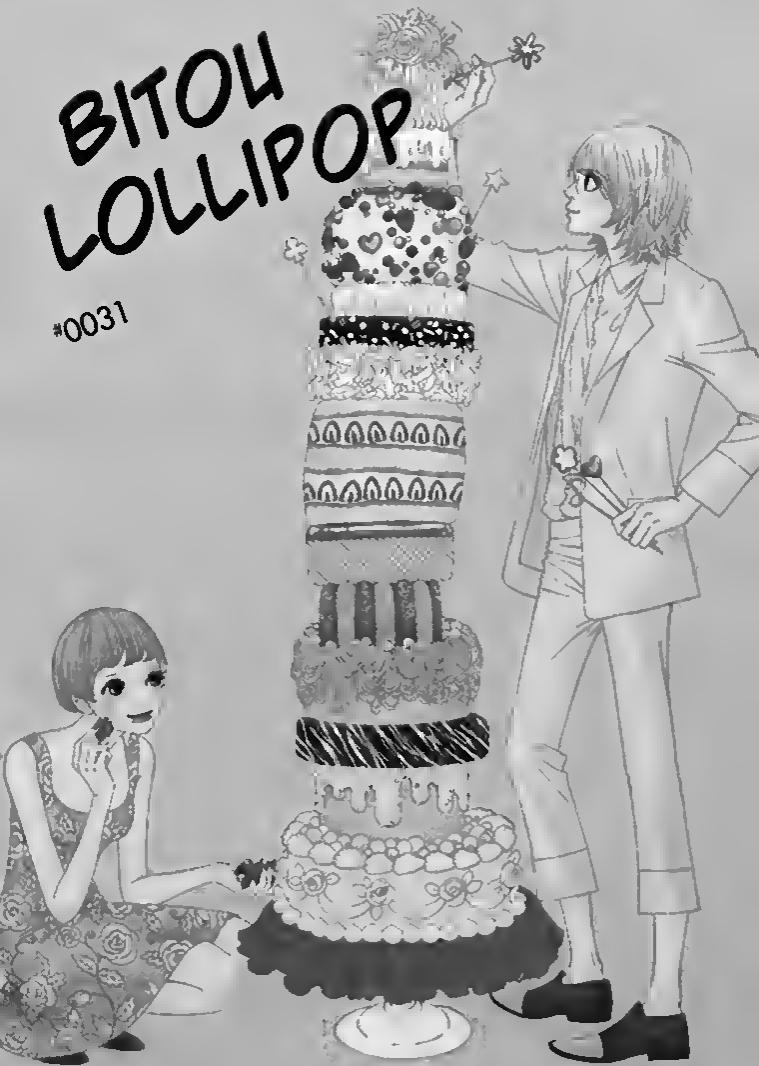

IT'S A DREAM..

IT MUST BE...

HE SAW ME

I CAN'T BELIEVE

CUDDLING

AND SNIFFING HIS SCARF ...

MADOKA...

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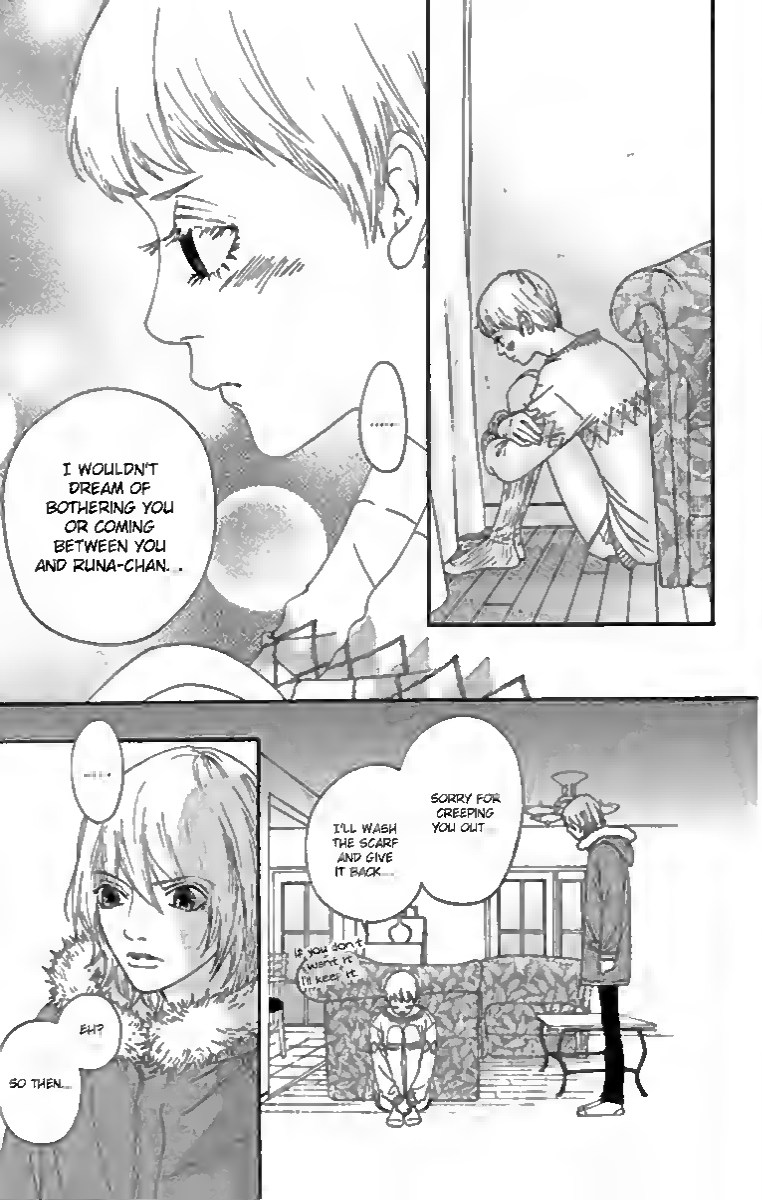
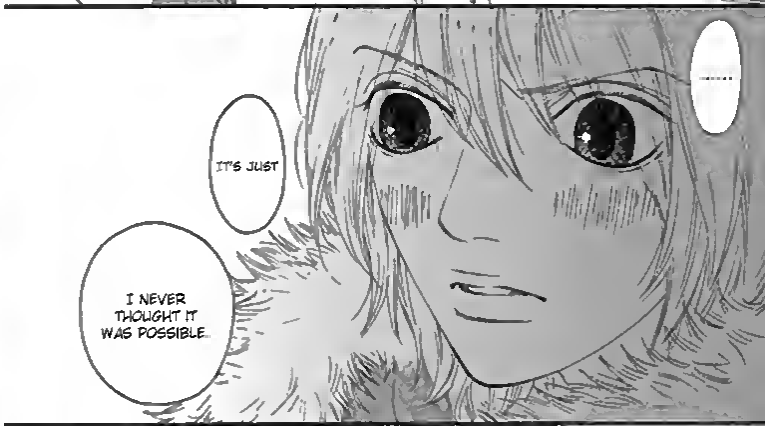

I WOULDN'T DREAM OF BOTHERING YOU OR COMING BETWEEN YOU AND RUNA-CHAN. .
.....
I'LL WASH THE SCARF AND GIVE IT BACK...
SORRY FOR CREEPING YOU OUT
If you don't want it, I'll keep it
EH?
SO THEN...

...WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
Kyeah!!
ERASING YOUR MEMORY.
By hitting you on the head
Quit it!!
IS THIS A JOKE?!
NO, I'M SERIOUS.
TOMOYO-CHAN DIDN'T YOU GO HOME?
DREAM !?
IT'S OKAY. THIS IS A DREAM.
Hehehah
YOU'LL KILL ME!
SEE YOU
WELL, AS YOU WERE
WHERE IS MADOKA?
I THOUGHT I HEARD HER VOICE
Bathroom?
OH, SORRY. WERE WE BEING LOUD?
IT'S ALRIGHT, I WAS THIRSTY

IT'S BEEN THAT LONG?!
Really?!
LOWER YOUR VOICE!
WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME, YOU IDIOT?!

YOU LEFT BEFORE I COULD TELL YOU.

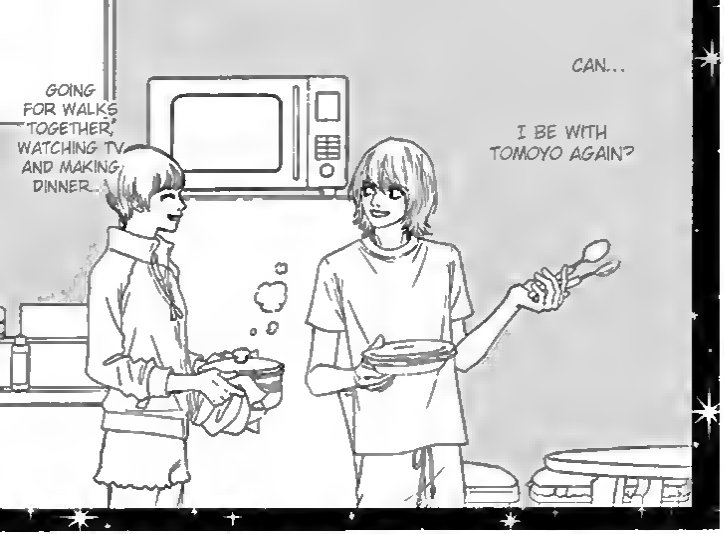
WHAT?! YOU THINK IT'S A HOBBY OF MINE TO SNIFF OTHER PEOPLE'S THINGS?!
YOU DIDN'T KNOW?!
SHUT UP. YOU'LL WAKE CHIZURU-SAN AGAIN
DOES THAT MEAN YOU LOVE ME?
NOD

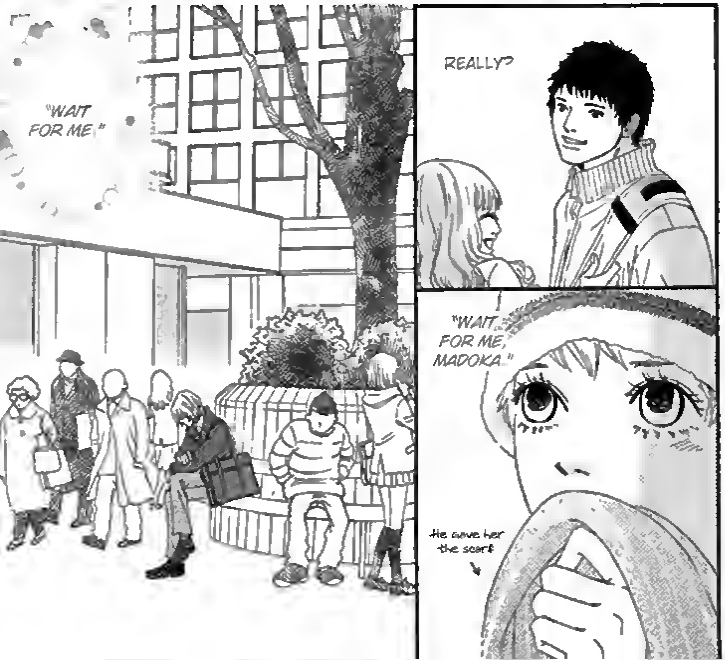

.....
IT'S JUST
I NEVER THOUGHT IT WAS POSSIBLE.

LITTLE BROTHERS DON'T MAKE YOUR HEART RACE WHEN THEY SLEEP OVER.
YOU SAID YOU WILL ALWAYS SEE ME AS A LITTLE BROTHER...
YOU'RE NOT.

WAIT FOR ME, MADOKA.
JUST FOR A LITTLE LONGER.

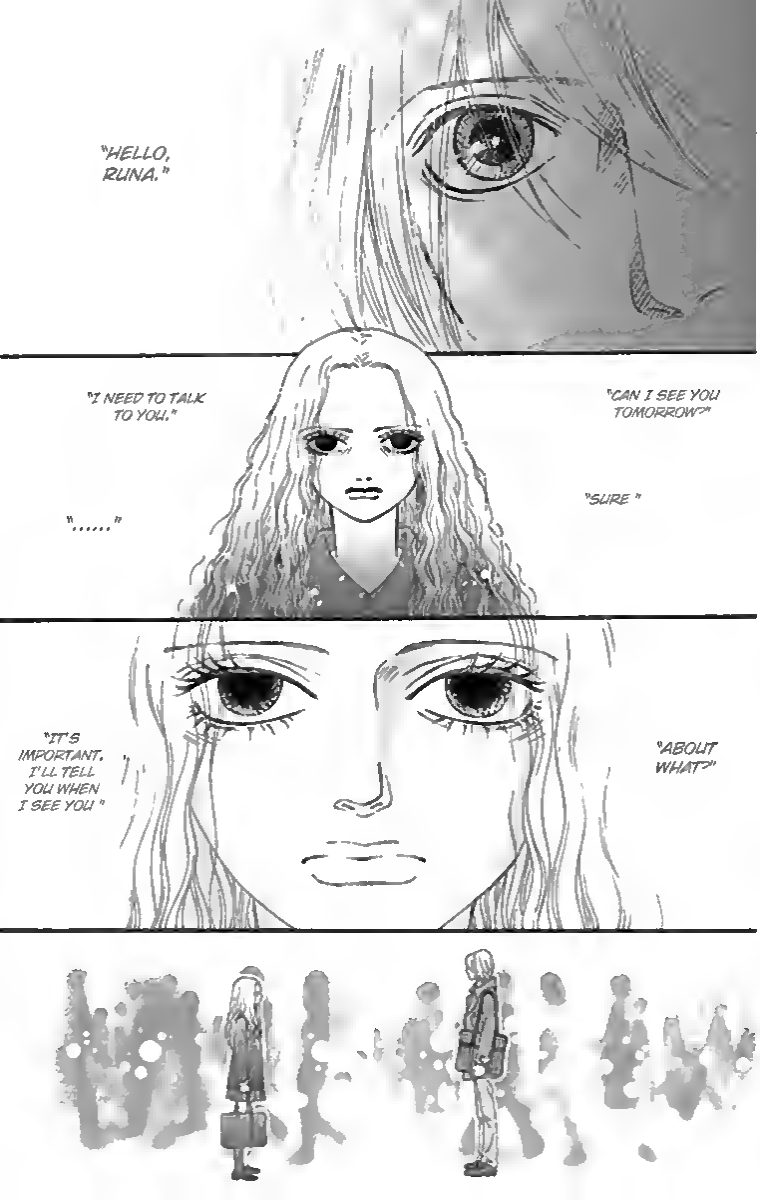
I'LL BREAK UP WITH RUNA.
HUH?!
WHY? IT ISN'T JUST FOR THAT REASON
WAIT.. HOW CAN YOU JUST SAY THAT...?


GOING FOR WALKS TOGETHER, WATCHING TV AND MAKING DINNER...
CAN... I BE WITH TOMOYO AGAIN?


"WAIT FOR ME."
REALLY?
"WAIT... FOR ME, MADOKA."
He gave her the scarf.

WHAT JUST HAPPENED?
HUH? A DECORATED TREE?

HEY, IT WAS THERE THE WEEK BEFORE TOO.
THIS COLLEGE ISN'T CHRISTIAN
YOU'RE SKIPPING TOO MANY CLASSES AS A FRESHMAN
ISN'T IT THAT SEASON THOUGH?


"HELLO, RUNA."
"I NEED TO TALK TO YOU."
"CAN I SEE YOU TOMORROW?"
"....."
"SURE."
"IT'S IMPORTANT. I'LL TELL YOU WHEN I SEE YOU."
"ABOUT WHAT?"

ERASING YOUR MEMORY!
PPPT

Behind the scenes 2

I thought about when Madoka was at the guesthouse...

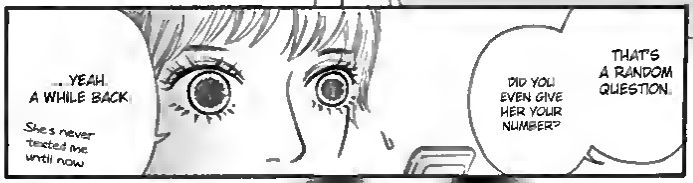
I had decided from the start there would be no bath, and yet I realized later on there was nowhere for her to wash up.

So I fixed making sense with an outdoor tap.

Like this one →

She washed up and brushed her teeth here.

Poor Madoka.



I'LL DO MY BEST TOWARDS THAT FUTURE!!

MY NEW DREAM IS TO HAVE MY OWN BAR SOME DAY!

ARE YOU OKAY WITH THAT?

MAMA

PAPA HAD BEEN WORKING AT THAT BAR FOR A WHILE NOW.

MAMA MUST BE UP ALL NIGHT STUDYING.

WHAT'S THAT?

I THOUGHT

A FAMILY APART IS STILL A FAMILY.

WHY NOT?

I WANTED TO SEE TOMOYO

BUT I DIDN'T HAVE THE COURAGE

SO I WALKED IN CIRCLES

THAT NIGHT

I WALKED THRU THE ASAGI'S NEIGHBORHOOD

MAMA AND PAPA CAME TO TOKYO LAST YEAR

COME TO THINK OF IT, IT WAS AROUND THIS TIME

BUT SOMEHOW I COULDN'T BRING MYSELF TO CALL HIM.

I CAN'T STAND IT EVEN FOR A SECOND

EACH DAY FEELS LONG

MADOKA

I'VE DECIDED TO LEAVE YOUR GRANDPARENT'S HOUSE

THE WORK IS TOUGH, SO I'LL BE LIVING ALONE IN A PLACE NEAR THE BAR

YOUR GRANDPARENTS ARE EARLY TO BED EARLY TO RISE PEOPLE AND IT'S BOTHERING THEM

I'M WORKING AT A BAR AND THE HOURS ARE LATE

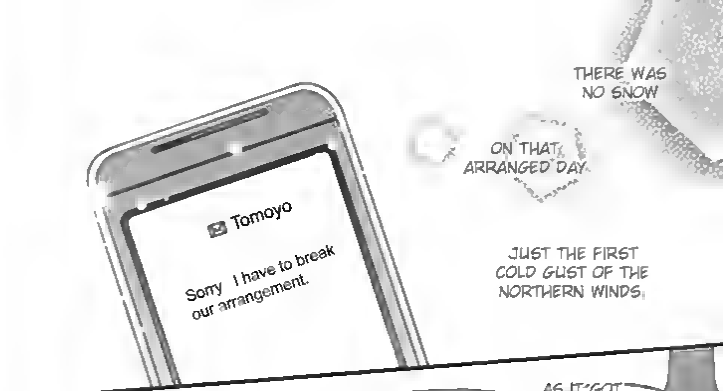
I'LL WALK YOU TO THE STATION
IT'S FINE I'LL GO BY THE HIGHWAY ON THE WAY BACK
I'M FINE
THE PARK IS DANGEROUS.
LET'S SPEND CHRISTMAS AT MY PLACE.
IT'S COLD.
IT WILL BE CROWDED EVERYWHERE ELSE.
HOTELS ARE OFF-LIMITS TOO

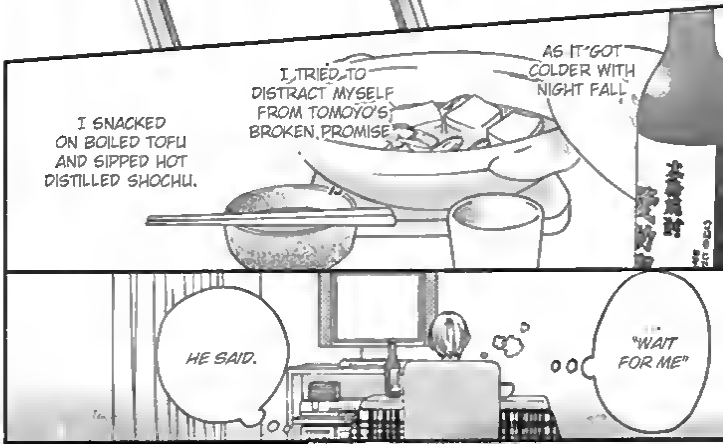
I GAVE UP AFTER WALKING TWO HOURS STRAIGHT.
GASP
THE NEXT DAY, I GOT A HAIRCUT...
Tomoyo
Can I meet you Sunday for five at Maruta Park?
RIIING
RIIIIING

FIVE O'CLOCK TOMORROW AT MARUTA PARK.
FIVE O'CLOCK TOMORROW.
IT'S NO USE...
MY HEART IS POUNDING...
THUMP
PANT
I CAN'T SLEEP...
I'LL HAVE IT READY FOR WHEN YOU COME.
I HAVE A REALLY BIG CHRISTMAS TREE
I'M HAPPY WE CAN MEET.
I WANT TO SEE TOMOYO.
I'M HAPPY AND SOMEHOW SCARED.
I'M SCARED, BUT I WANT TO SEE HIM.
RIIIING
RIIIING

I OVERDID IT WITH MY EMOTIONS THEN
TOMOYO DOESN'T UNDERSTAND

IT'S PUFFY FROM DRINKING FOR TWO DAYS
BACK OFF
I even skipped school
WAS IT A DRINKING PARTY OR SOMETHING?
WHAT'S WITH THE HORRIBLE FACE?


THERE WAS NO SNOW
ON THAT ARRANGED DAY
Tomoyo
Sorry I have to break our arrangement.
JUST THE FIRST COLD GUST OF THE NORTHERN WINDS.


I SNACKED ON BOILED TOFU AND SIPPED HOT DISTILLED SHOCHU.
I TRIED TO DISTRACT MYSELF FROM TOMOYO'S BROKEN PROMISE.
AS IT GOT COLDER WITH NIGHT FALL.

HE SAID.
"WAIT FOR ME"
DON'T SAY IT IF YOU DON'T MEAN IT.
Dawn, moron, idiot, asshole

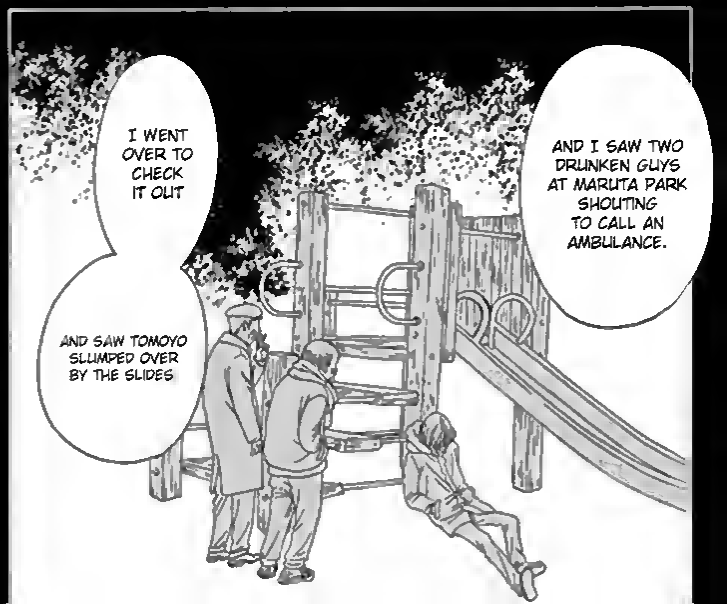
I LOOKED FOR HIS PHONE BUT HE DIDN'T HAVE IT
I HAD NO OTHER CHOICE BUT TO CARRY HIM TO THE ASAGI'S HOUSE
HE WAS FEELING FAINT AND HAD A HIGH FEVER

...IS HE OKAY...?
TOMOYO ...
IS HE OKAY?!
WELL, IT WASN'T REALLY THE TIME...
IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE I'VE SEEN ASAGI-SAN, BUT SHE HASN'T CHANGED

EH...?!
NOT CHIZURU-SAN...
TOMOYO

SOUNDPROOF ROOM
WHERE'S CHIZURU-SAN?
SOMETHING LIKE THAT
OH YEAH, YESTERDAY WAS RAD

I WENT OUT TO RENT A MOVIE YESTERDAY NIGHT
Ah, the stain didn't come out
...EH?


I WENT OVER TO CHECK IT OUT
AND SAW TOMOYO SLUMPED OVER BY THE SLIDES
AND I SAW TWO DRUNKEN GUYS AT MARUTA PARK SHOUTING TO CALL AN AMBULANCE.

IT'S MY FAULT! I'LL STAY WITH HIM!
I'LL STAY BY HIS SIDE UNTIL HE'S BETTER!
TOMOYO, I'M SO SORRY ...
RUNA-SAN
A HIGH SCHOOL GIRL CAN'T SPEND THE NIGHT
ARE YOU ANGRY WITH ME?
DOES IT HURT?
...DON'T TOUCH ME!

WHY?
NO!
I WON'T GO HOME!
IT'S JUST A COLD
CHIZURU-SAN WAS OUT
ASAGI-SAN CALLED THIS AFTERNOON TO SAY THANKS
BUT WHAT WAS HE DOING OUT AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK ON A DAMN COLD NIGHT?

Behind the scenes 3

I bought a kotatsu during Bifou Lollipop's ser alization I'm draw ng the manuscript from the kotatsu now

Does that matter?

However my feet get cold n the w nter?

KNOCK KNOCK KNOCK

KNOCK KNOCK

MADOKA

COME IN.

THE WINDOW IS UNLOCKED

SHE AIRED THE ROOM OUT EARLIER.

UNLAWFUL ENTRY

I'M COMMITTING A CRIME

SHE PROBABLY WON'T LET ME SEE TOMOYO.

BUT IF I GO TO THE FRONT DOOR

I NEED TO SEE TOMOYO.

EITHER WAY

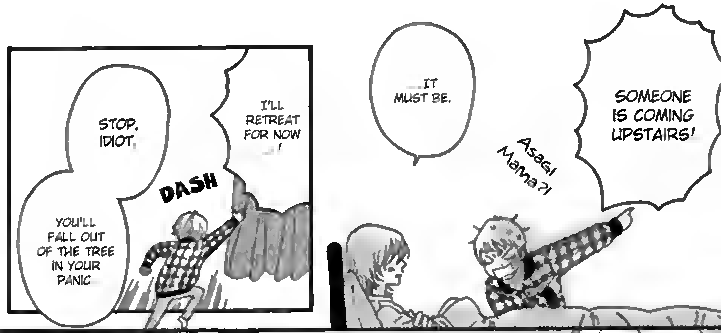
I'M USED TO THAT.

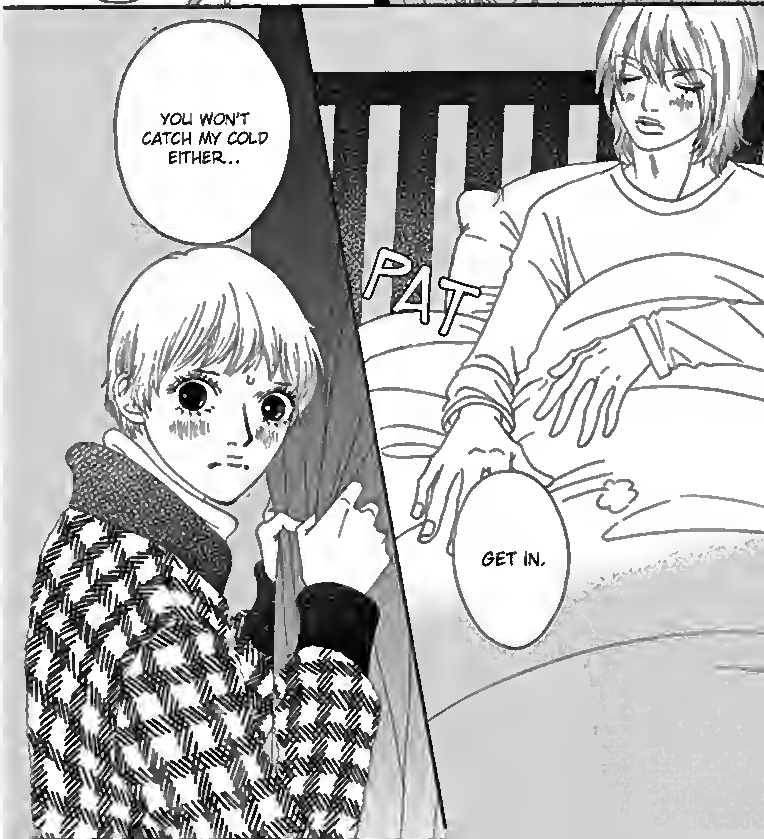
YOU TEXTED ME SAYING, "I HAVE TO BREAK OUR ARRANGEMENT."
I KNEW IT.. RUNA HAD MY PHONE..
SHE KNOWS MY PASSCODE TOO...
STEP
STEP
STEP
STEP
STEP
STEP
EH?

HOW DID YOU KNOW IT WAS ME?
NO ONE ELSE WOULD KNOCK THERE...
SPLAT
MAYBE IT WAS A GHOST
IDIOT.
WHY WERE YOU AT MARUTA PARK?
.....

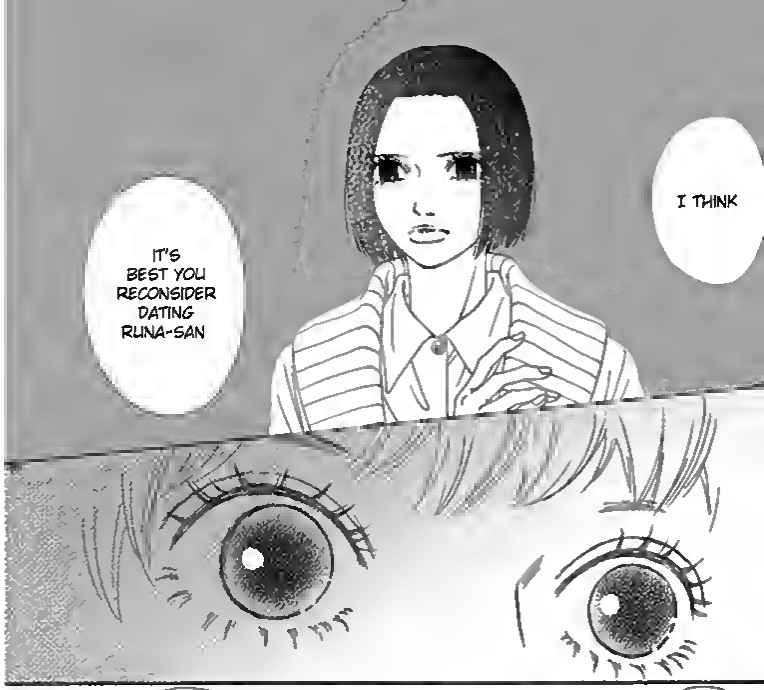
EEEK!
TOMO-CHAN
HOW ARE YOU FEELING?
MAMA IS GOING TO BED SOON
DO YOU NEED ANYTHING?
NOT REALLY

TOMO-CHAN
I NEED TO TALK TO YOU FOR A BIT.
TOMOYO'S BODY
IS REALLY WARM.

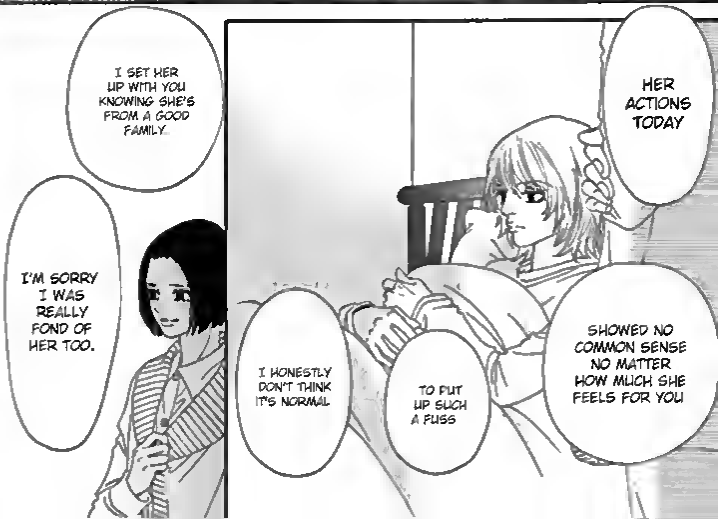

I'LL RETREAT FOR NOW
STOP, IDIOT.
DASH
YOU'LL FALL OUT OF THE TREE IN YOUR PANIC
IT MUST BE.
Asagi Manga
SOMEONE IS COMING UPSTAIRS!


YOU WON'T CATCH MY COLD EITHER..
PAT
GET IN.

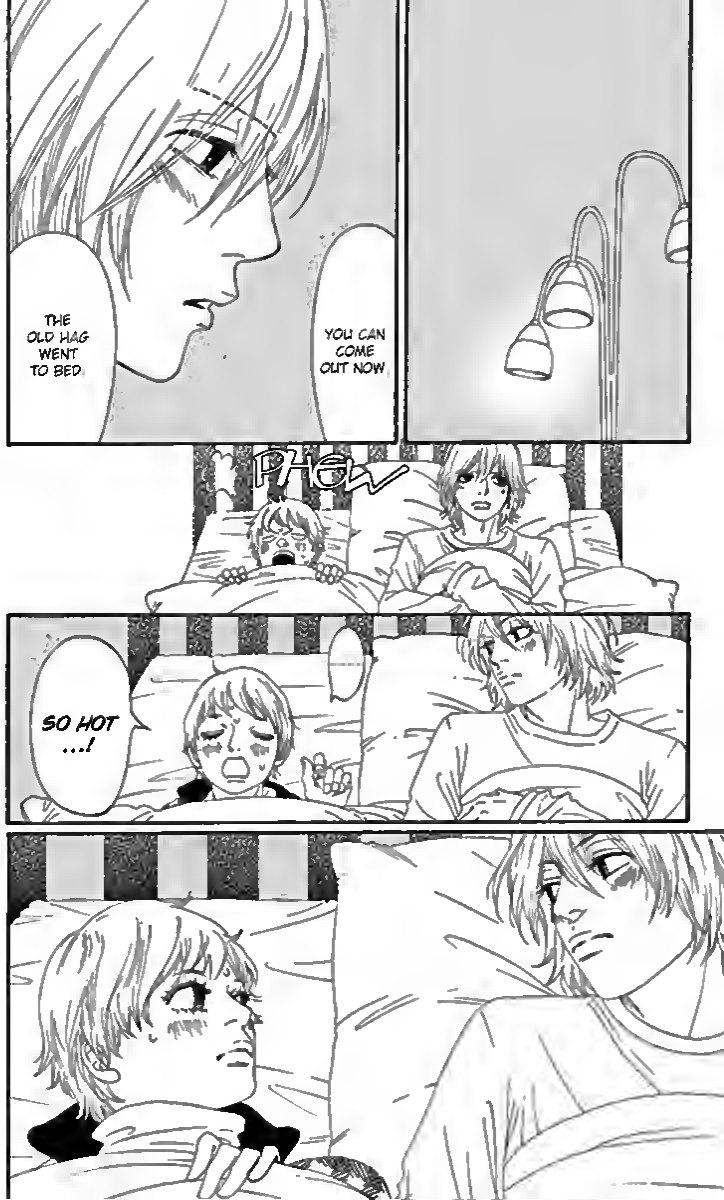
IT'S NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS.


I THINK
IT'S BEST YOU RECONSIDER DATING RUNA-SAN

I DIDN'T DATE RUNA BECAUSE YOU AUTHORIZED IT.
WARM
TOMOYO'S BODY IS TOO WARM
IT'S LIKE I'M DROWNING IN HIS WARMTH


I SET HER UP WITH YOU KNOWING SHE'S FROM A GOOD FAMILY.
I'M SORRY I WAS REALLY FOND OF HER TOO.
HER ACTIONS TODAY
SHOWED NO COMMON SENSE NO MATTER HOW MUCH SHE FEELS FOR YOU
TO PUT UP SUCH A FUSS
I HONESTLY DON'T THINK IT'S NORMAL

IT WAS LIKE THIS LAST TIME!
YOU COULDN'T BREAK UP WITH RUNA-CHAN...?
YOU... WERE ALWAYS SPECIAL TO ME.
I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE EASY TO BREAK UP WITH RUNA...


THE OLD HAG WENT TO BED.
YOU CAN COME OUT NOW.
Phew
SO HOT ...!

WHILE WAITING FOR TOMOYO'S CONTACT
I WAS ANXIOUS
AND AFRAID.
BUT
I COULDN'T TELL HER.
SHE IS SORT OF UNBALANCED
SHE IS LIKE ME IN SOME WAYS
I CAN'T LEAVE HER LIKE THIS
WHEN I THOUGHT OF WHAT SHE WOULD IF I WASN'T AROUND
I COULDN'T.. SAY ANYTHING.
LAST NIGHT
DID YOU WAIT ALL NIGHT FOR ME...?

THIS IS GOODBYE.

I'LL NEVER GET TO TOUCH HIM AGAIN.

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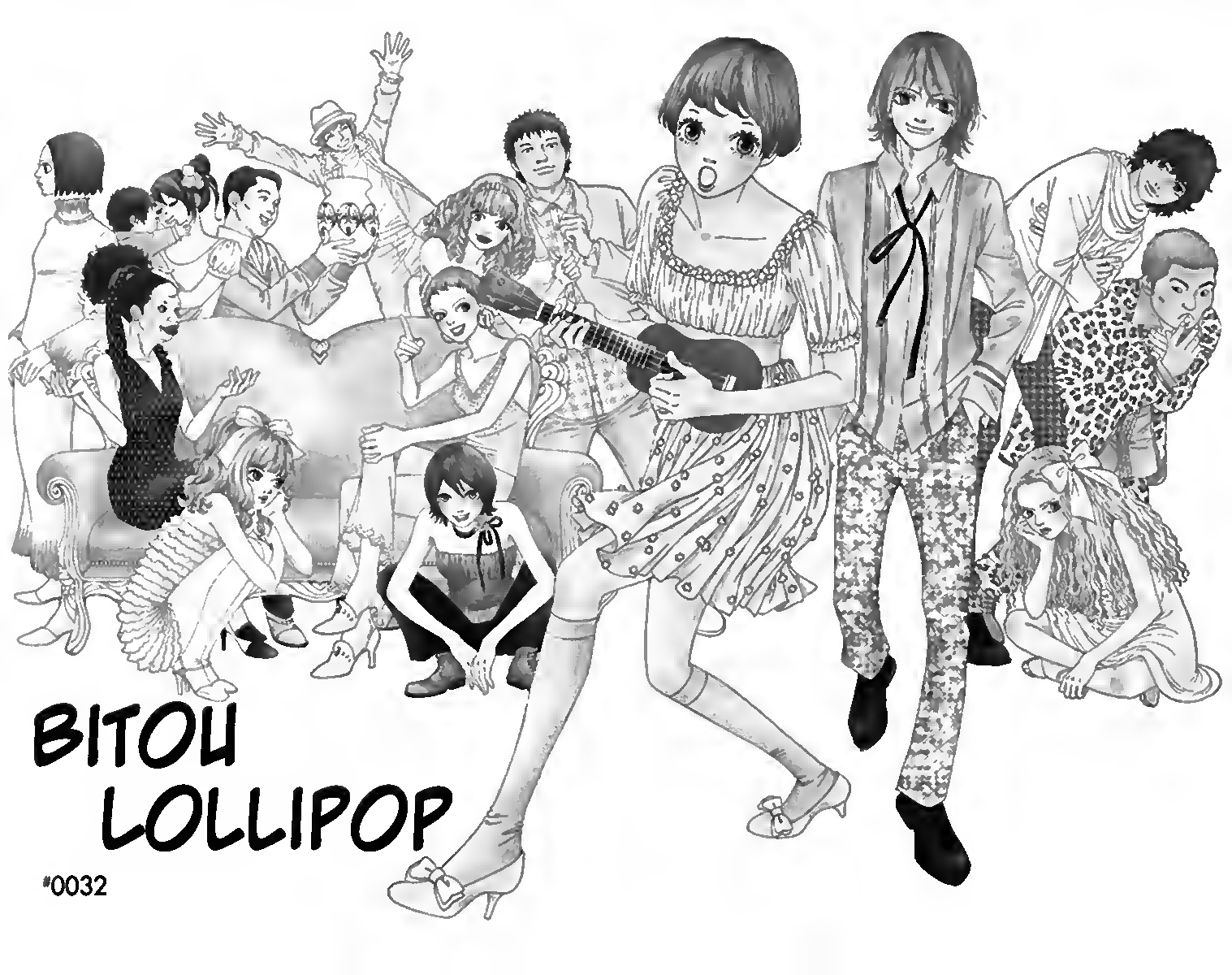
Uh...
Uhh...
Uhh!
Ahhh
Whoa!
Uhhhh...
Whoaaa!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IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE I HELD TOMOYO'S SLENDER BODY

MADOKA...

ARE YOU OKAY?

I'M NOT OKAY

I'M DEFINITELY NOT OKAY

SOMEONE NOT TOMOYO...

...I'M OKAY!

I'LL FIND MYSELF A HOT BOYFRIEND TOO..!

YOU'RE WRONG.
WE TALKED ABOUT IT EARLIER.
DON'T GO THERE.
DON'T GO SEE MADOKA-SAN!
DON'T EVER GO TO CHIZURU-SAN'S.

.....
I KNEW
SHE WAS MORE THAN A LODGER
I'M SORRY.
IF I HADN'T MESSED WITH YOUR PHONE
YOU'VE LIKED HER ALL ALONG, HAVEN'T YOU?
ENOUGH TO USE HER BIRTHDAY AS YOUR PHONE PASSCODE
.....
BOTH OF YOU WOULD BE BACK TOGETHER
MAYBE EVEN FLIRTING.

I CAN'T HELP THAT I'M ALREADY HERE
DON'T COME IF YOU'RE BUSY
I CAN'T COME MUCH AROUND EXAMS EITHER ..
IT WOULD BE A PAIN TO GO BACK HOME
HEY, ONO CAN I STAY OVER TODAY?
YOU SOUND LIKE A COLLEGE STUDENT
ESSAY PAPER?
Sounds touch I'll leave you
.....
I said delete, you piece of shit!
THIS IS OLD DATA!
IDIOT!
..
creak

THIS PROFESSOR IS SUPER STRICT ON DEADLINES TOO!
...OH NO, I'M STILL NOT FINISHED!

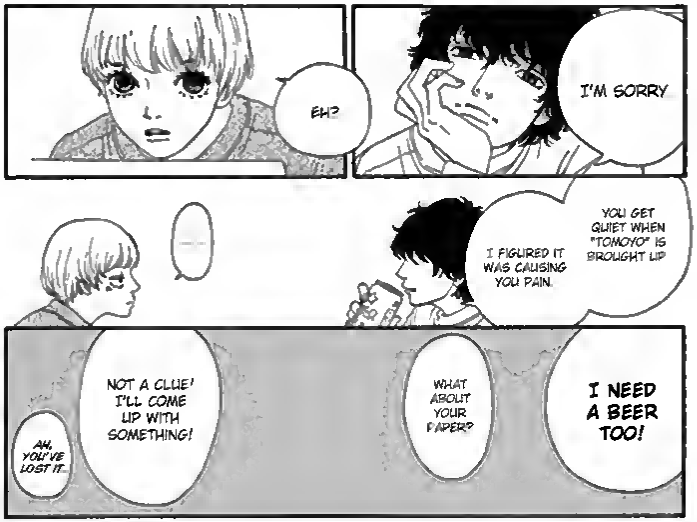
Behind the scenes A

Asagi Papa and Mama met through a matchmaker

Their interests and views in life are different, but they go on trips together

Their relationship has mellowed out now

Perhaps
Surely
Maybe



IN THE FIRST WEEK AFTER TOMOYO BROKE UP WITH ME

I DIDN'T GO TO SCHOOL MUCH

I'D BURST INTO TEARS WHENEVER I THOUGHT OF TOMOYO HOLDING ME CLOSE

AND THAT REALLY WORRIED CHIZURU-SAN, ONO AND MY FRIENDS..

WHEN I COULDN'T CRY

AND I KEPT THINKING ABOUT THAT.

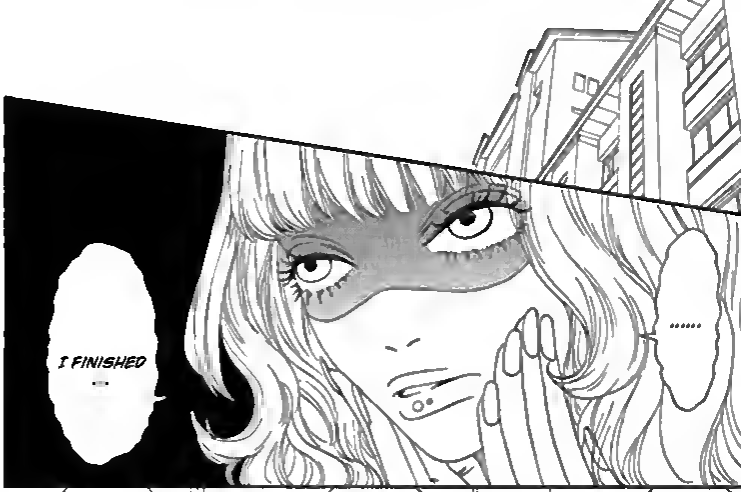
I WANTED SOMEONE TO BE THERE FOR ME.

A SENSE OF LOSS OVERWHELMED ME

But nothing could come of that in the end. I scrapped it.

I WONDERED IF HAVING SEX WOULD MAKE THINGS EASIER

thud
thud
thud
thud
CHIZURU-SAN...!
SLAM


I FINISHED
.....
HOW DID IT HAPPEN WITH TAROU-KUN ON YOUR SIDE?
He's got top grades.
THERE WAS SO MUCH I DON'T UNDERSTAND
I'M DEFINITELY LOSING CREDITS
THE ONE TIME I'M LATE AND IT'S VOID

OH, MADOKA
HOW DID YOUR TESTS GO?
YOU CAME?
I TOLD YOU SHE'S BEING RELEASED TODAY.

HELLO, ONO
YEAH, I FINISHED MY EXAM TODAY.
HOW ARE YOU?
I haven't been over in five days.
EH?
WHAT?
I STILL HAVE ANOTHER PAPER
RING
RING
WELL, NO HELPING IT NOW THAT IT'S DONE!
Because he's a Spartan about it.
We fight over it.
IT'S SPRING BREAK NOW!

JUST DO IT
JUST DO IT
...FROM NOW ON IF THIS HAPPENS AGAIN, CALL ME IMMEDIATELY.
NO MATTER OF TESTS, TIME OR WHERE EVER, YOU CALL ME.
"I THOUGHT IT WAS THE END ALREADY."
SHUDDER

I FIGURED I SHOULD GO TO THE HOSPITAL
I WOKE UP ONE MORNING WITH NO STRENGTH IN MY LEGS AND I COULDN'T GET UP.
Chiba
THAT AFTERNOON I WAS ABLE TO MOVE THEM AGAIN.
THEY KEPT ME FOR TWO DAYS, BUT I'M FINE.
I THOUGHT IT WAS THE END ALREADY.
BUT I WAS A LITTLE WORRIED
SHOCK

I WAS REALLY FREAKED OUT TOO...
THAT'S TRUE...
IT WAS SCARY ...
.....

THERE'S ABSOLUTELY NO WAY...
MADOKA
IT'S WAS A CLOSE CALL, BUT IF SOMETHING HAPPENS TO CHIZURU-SAN...
MADOKA
I CAN'T HANDLE THAT
THERE'S NO WAY
HEY!
YOU CAN'T FORESEE THE FUTURE. YOU'LL WEAR YOURSELF OUT WORRYING ABOUT IT.
PULL YOURSELF TOGETHER

SOMETHING CHIZURU-SAN WILL ENJOY AND HAVE FUN WITH
ANY LITTLE THING...
I'M STAYING OVER
MADOKA, WHAT ARE YOU UP TO TODAY?
SHE DOESN'T EAT MUCH LATELY
I THOUGHT A PLAN WOULD CHEER HER UP
DAMN
"TOMOYO-CHAN"
WHY ARE YOU CRYING?

ANY TIME IS GOOD, IF SPRING BREAK DOESN'T WORK.
WE'LL GET YOU BETTER AND DISCUSS IT WITH THE DOCTOR...
YOU SAID YOU WANTED TO GO ON A "BLUES TOUR"!!
HOW ABOUT THE THREE OF US GO?!
A TRIP TO THE STATES?
PASS.
I'M STILL AFRAID TO FLY.
BESIDES
You're reading a guide and tourist book right now!
IT'S MORE FUN TO PLAN A TRIP THAN DO IT.
WHY?!

Behind the scenes
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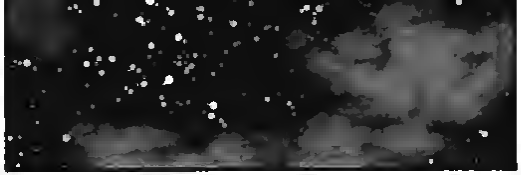
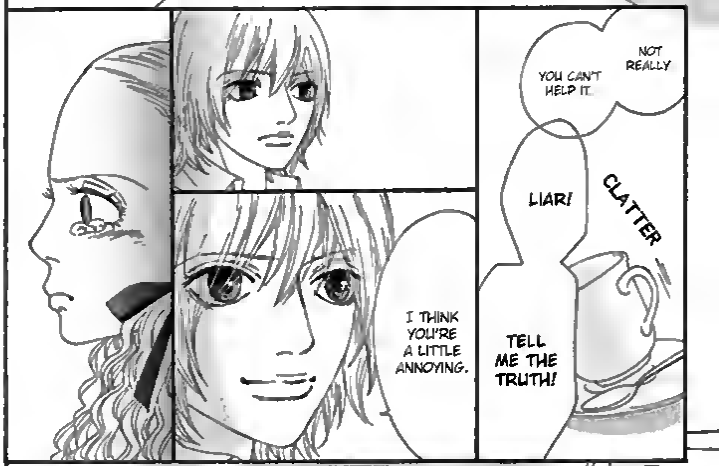
I got to ride a helicopter for a scene in a series

It was really fun!!

Maybe the night scenery is really pretty

I recommend seeing it in the day!!





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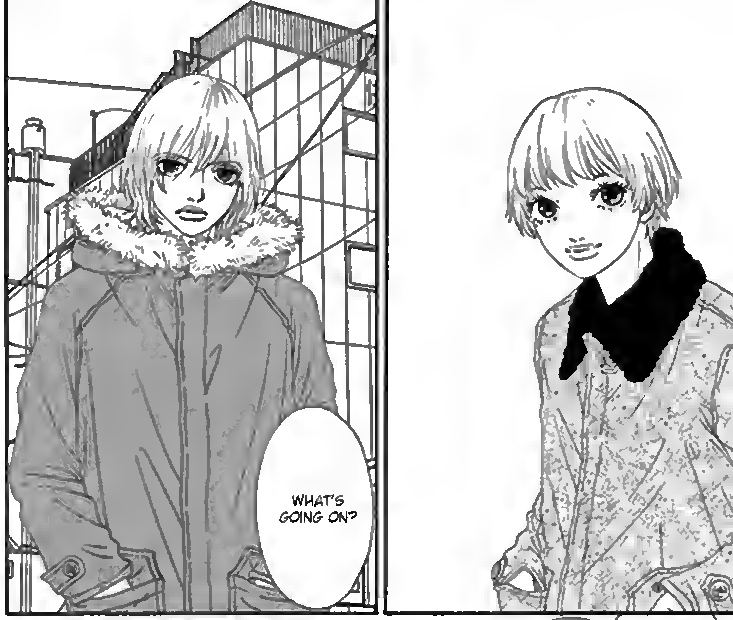
HEY! QUIT MESSING AROUND!
Why do you have this anyway?
THE KEY IS AT CHIZURU-SAN'S PLACE.
LET'S GO.
I THOUGHT YOU'D SAY NO, SO I CAME PREPARED.
IT'S A TOUGH TOY TO BREAK ♡
....EH?


WHAT'S GOING ON?

AGAIN, WHAT'S GOING ON?
ONO WAS SUPPOSED TO COME
BUT I CAME IN HIS PLACE.
I PROMISED RUNA
NO CAN DO.
WHY?
YOU HAVEN'T SEEN CHIZURU-SAN FOR A WHILE, SO I CAME TO ASK YOU OVER.
NOTHING SPECIAL.

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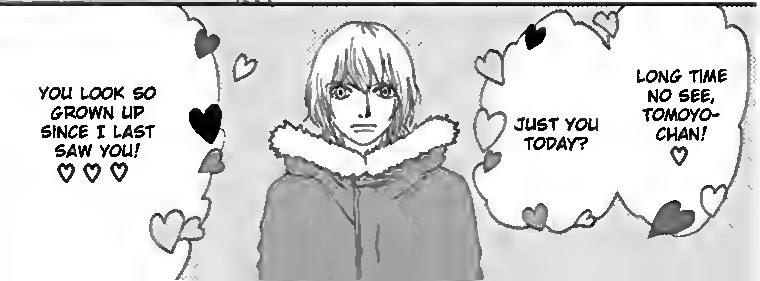
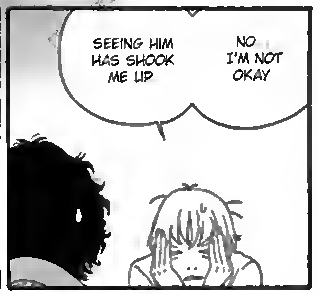

YOU LOOK SO GROWN UP SINCE I LAST SAW YOU! ♡ ♡ ♡
JUST YOU TODAY?
LONG TIME NO SEE, TOMOYO-CHAN! ♡

SHE FELT GOOD AND WANTED TO PLAY
The photo shoot is long over
WASN'T THE KIMONO ONLY FOR A PHOTO SHOOT?
It was in your pocket?!!
OH SORRY I'LL TAKE IT OFF.
Key key
jingle
CHIZURU-SAN, TOMOYO IS HERE.

SHE'S PLAYING THE KOTO.
EH?! HOW RARE!

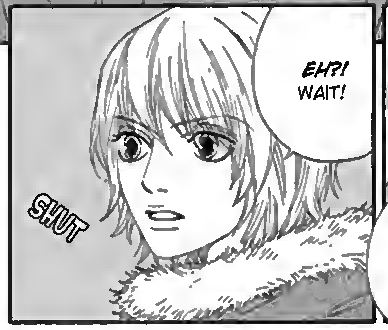
SHALL WE LISTEN TO SOMETHING?

ARE YOU OKAY?
...BECAUSE OF ME.
BUT TOMOYO HASN'T COME OVER


SEEING HIM HAS SHOOK ME UP
NO... I'M NOT OKAY

TAKE ME TO THE SOFA
SOU
SURE!

EH?
WAS CHIZURU-SAN SHRUNK?
WHY IS HE CARRYING HER...?

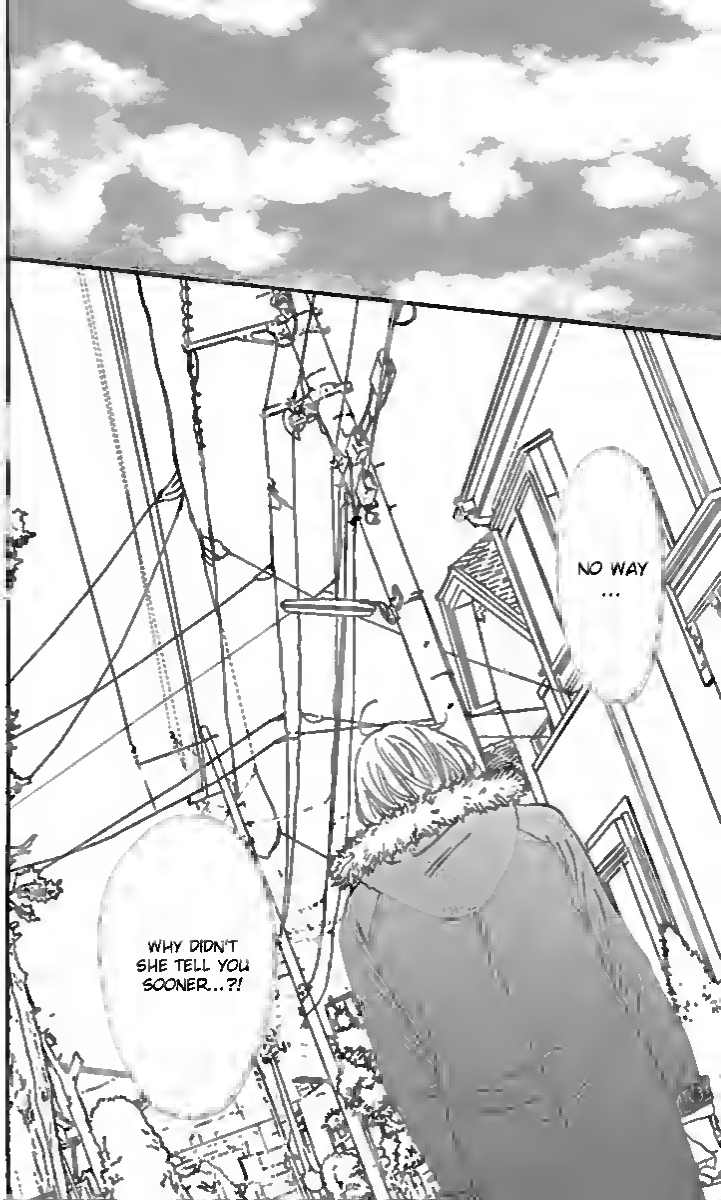

EH?! WAIT!
SHUT

TAKE IT EASY.
SHE PERKS RIGHT UP WHEN SHE SEES YOU.
Hmm

I'LL COME AGAIN
I'M GOING HOME.
I GUESS CHIZURU-SAN TOLD HIM

BUT EVEN TOMOYO SENSES SOMETHING IS UP...
I WONDER
I WONDER IF THEY'RE TALKING
FOR REAL?
Haha
Show me
CLACK
MY HANDS ARE SWEATY...
AHH...
HMPH...

LOOKING BACK I THOUGHT SOMETHING WAS STRANGE
HER LONG STAY AFTER THE OPERATION
EVEN MADOKA'S FREQUENT VISITS DIDN'T ADD-UP .
NOT GOING OUT MUCH AFTER THE OPERATION
IT'S TAKING A TOLL ON HER THOUGH.
THEY TOLD HER IN AUGUST SHE HAD SIX MONTHS.
SHE WAS CHEERFUL ABOUT IT
TERMINAL CANCER...?
I'M GOING BACK TO SEE CHIZURU-SAN.
I'M SORRY I BROKE MY PROMISE


NO WAY ...
WHY DIDN'T SHE TELL YOU SOONER...?!

AND THEY WOULD HOLE UP IN THE SOUNDPROOF ROOM.

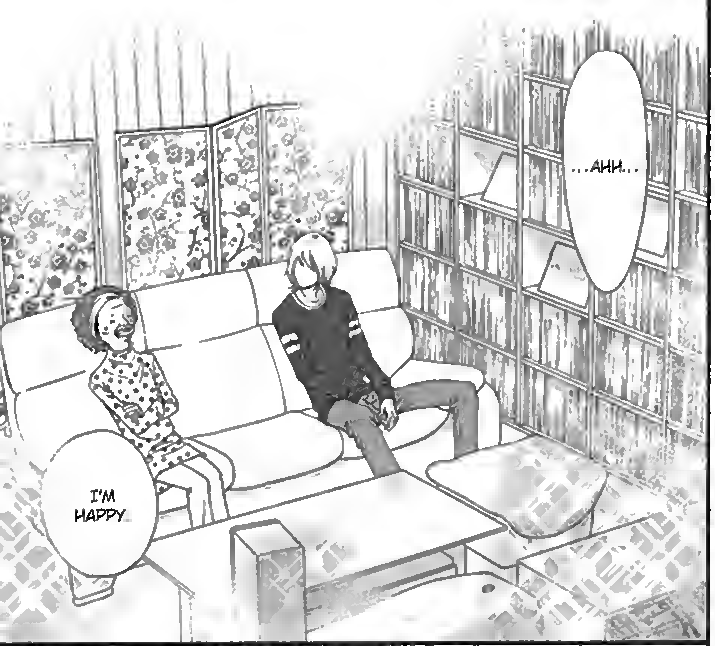
TOMOYO TALKED ABOUT MUSIC WITH CHIZURU-SAN

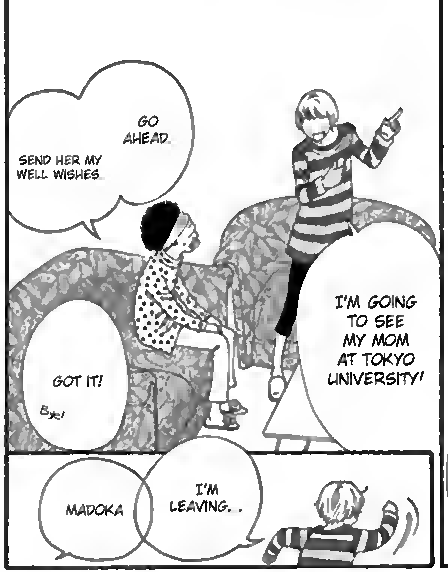
AND IT REALLY LIFTED CHIZURU-SAN'S SPIRITS (MORE SO THAT HE CAME ALONE)

TOMOYO CAME MORE FREQUENTLY

...UWAAAAH!
So noisy
MAMA GOT INTO MEDICAL SCHOOL!!
SHE PASSED!

WELL I'M GOING HOME
HE NEVER SPOKE TO ONO AND I
EVEN THOUGH TOMOYO CAME FREQUENTLY


...AHH...
I'M HAPPY.


GO AHEAD.
SEND HER MY WELL WISHES.
I'M GOING TO SEE MY MOM AT TOKYO UNIVERSITY!
GOT IT!
Bye!
MADOKA
I'M LEAVING. .

REALLY?!
That's awesome.
CHIZURU-SAN!

BUT NOT ONLY THAT
FROM THE HAPPY SMILE ON HER FACE
BECAUSE MADOKA'S MOM GOT INTO COLLEGE?

I'M HAPPY FOR YOU.

I'M SURROUNDED BY MY FAVORITE THINGS
AND MY FAVORITE PEOPLE.
IT'S REALLY COLD OUTSIDE, BUT IT'S WARM IN HERE.
THE TEA IS DELICIOUS.

CHIZURU-SAN
ARE YOU SLEEPING?
WHY ALL THE SUDDEN?
CHIZURU-SAN?
ONO...
ONO!
ONO!

SOMETIMES I JUST THINK
DESPITE THE HARD TIMES
IT'S GOOD TO LIVE BY BEING TRUE TO YOURSELF
WHAT ABOUT TIMES YOU WEREN'T SURE
WHAT DID YOU DO AT THOSE TIMES CHIZURU-SAN?

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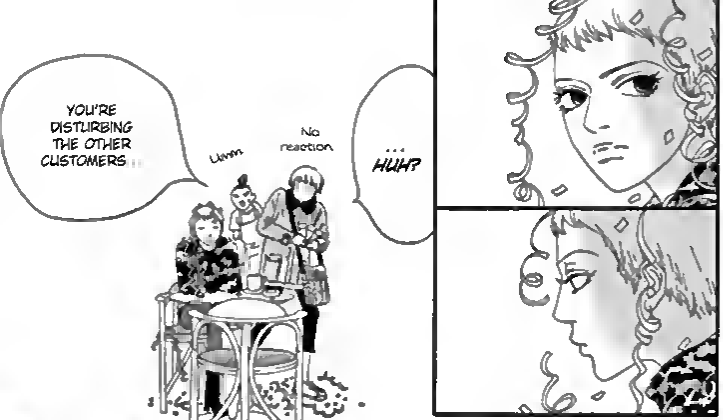

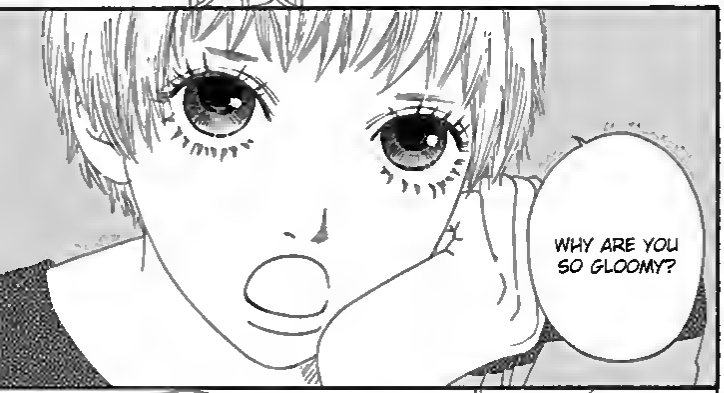

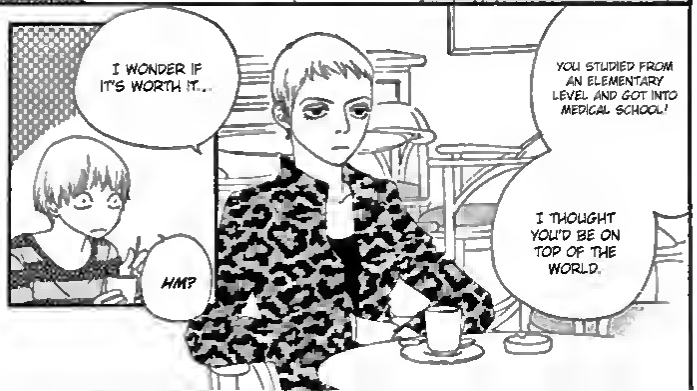

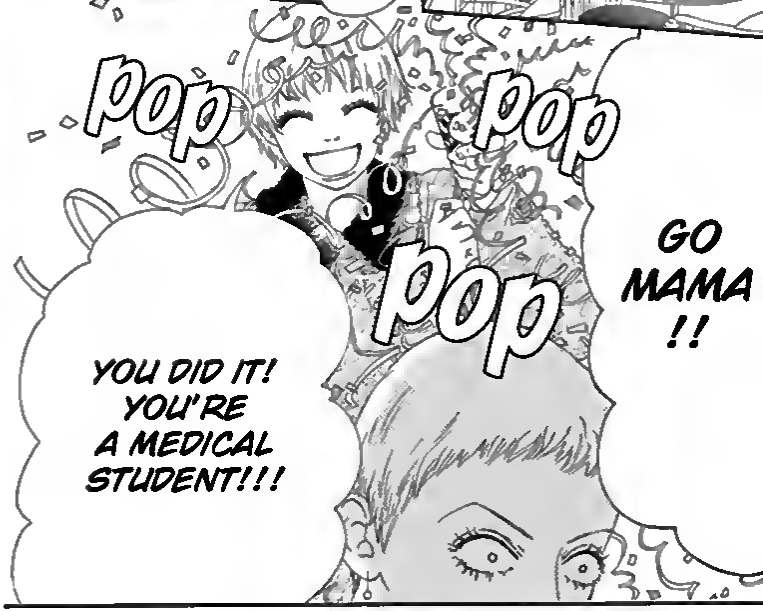

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Bitou Lollipop's finally coming to an end!

Uwaaah... I'm relieved

And so...

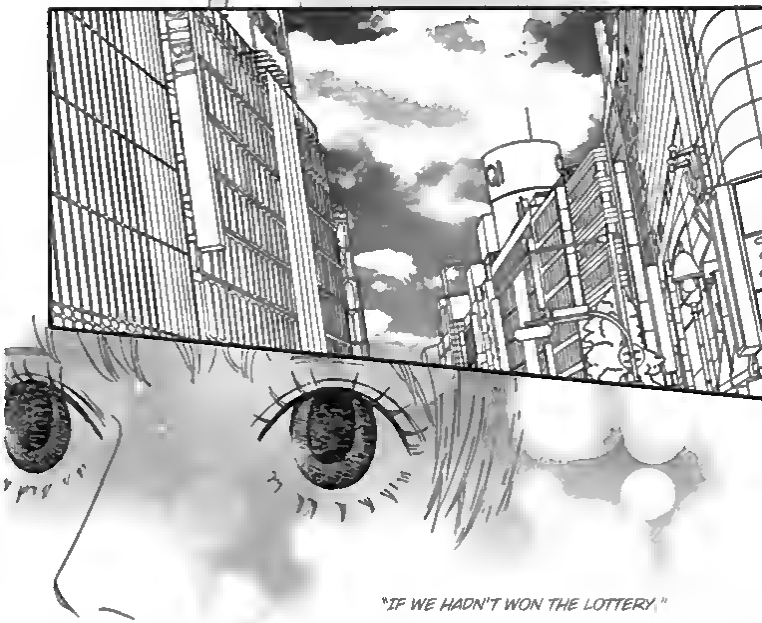
Till next time

Thank you so much!!

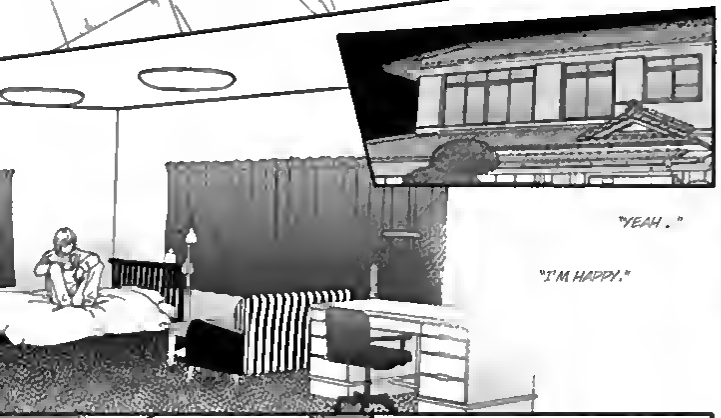
I WOULD HAVE NEVER LIVED IN THE ASAGI GUESTHOUSE
NOR WOULD I HAVE KNOWN TOMOYO
PERHAPS STILL LIVING AS A FAMILY IN THAT APARTMENT COMPLEX

HELLO? WHERE ARE YOU?
TOMOYO...
AH, I LEFT MY PHONE ON SILENT SINCE THE TRAIN RIDE
CELL PHONE...
Call log
Ono
Ono
Ono
Ono
Atsuko

HE WAS REALLY HAPPY, RIGHT?
I TEXTED HIM
HAVE YOU CONTACTED PAPA?
I WONDER WHAT FACE HE MADE
HE REPLIED WITH, "CONGRATS."

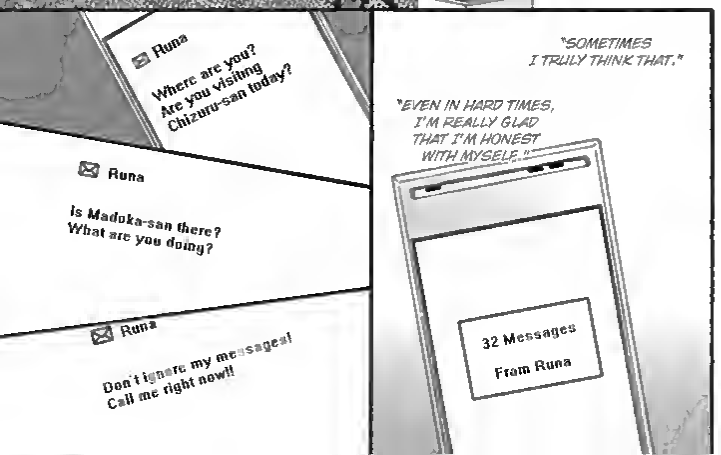

"IF WE HADN'T WON THE LOTTERY..."

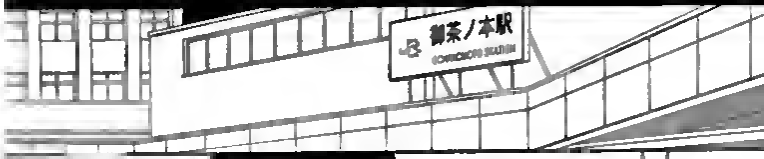
BUT
WASN'T SHE LAUGHING LIKE ALWAYS?
UNTIL A FEW HOURS AGO
SO THEN
SHE'S DYING?
THAT'S STILL NOT CONFIRMED.
CHIZURU-SAN
HER CONDITION IS STABLE FOR NOW.
THEY SAY THERE IS CHANCE SHE MAY NOT REGAIN CONSCIOUSNESS



"YEAH."

"I'M HAPPY."

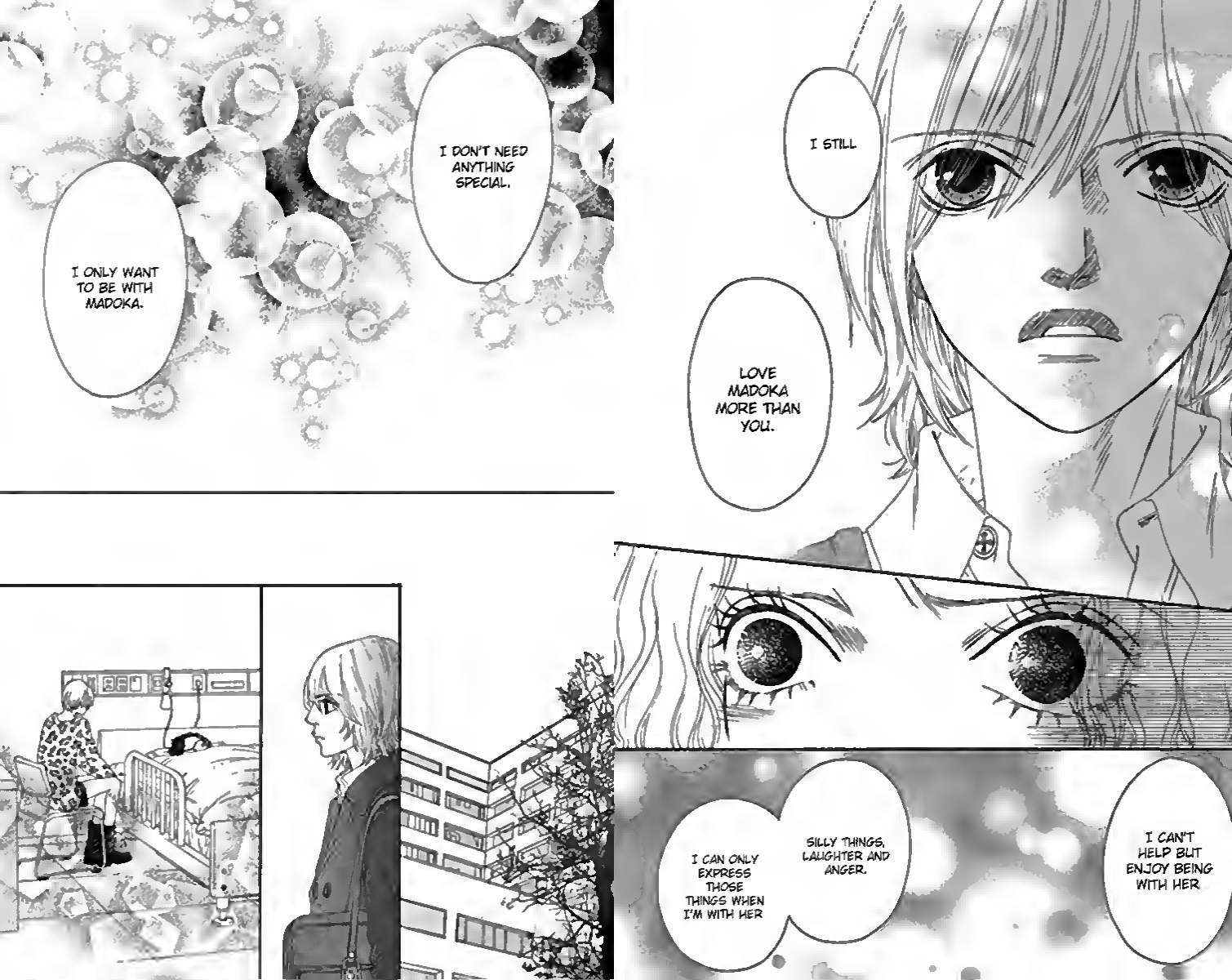




IT'S NOT NORMAL FOR THE GRANDSON AND SOMEONE ELSE'S DAUGHTER TO CARE FOR HER
IT MUST HAVE BEEN HARD ON YOU AND GOTOU-SAN
SHE CAN BE SO STUBBORN
"HOW PATHETIC." "YOU'RE PATHETIC."
SHE WOULD CONSTANTLY SAY IT WHEN I WAS GROWING UP.
HER FAVORITE SAYING WAS...
"HOW PATHETIC."
WHAT WAS SO PATHETIC...?
YOUR FATHER SAYS HE'LL PAY FOR IT, SO LEAVE IT TO THE PROFESSIONALS.
THERE'S NO NEED TO SACRIFICE YOUR LIVES FOR HER.
...IN ANY CASE, EVEN IF SHE RECOVERS
STOP HANGING AROUND THE HOUSE

WHERE'S WATARU?
HE SAID EITHER TODAY OR TOMORROW
I'M NOT SURE ABOUT MISAKI AND MUU.
MADOKA
THIS IS MY MOTHER
THANK YOU FOR TAKING CARE OF MY MOTHER.

SAYING YOUR STEPFATHER IS MOLESTING YOU
IS THE WORST KIND OF LIE
JUST STOP IT
I TALKED TO YOUR MOM EARLIER.
...IT'S NOT A LIE!!
SHE SAID YOU WERE LONELY
YOU WERE OPPOSED, BUT SHE REMARRIED ANYWAYS.
WE'RE SIMILAR IN MANY WAYS
I UNDERSTAND HOW YOU FEEL
I CAN'T MAKE EXCUSES FOR MYSELF ANYMORE.
YOU DESPISE THOSE AROUND YOU AND LOOK DOWN ON THE WORLD
MY MIND IS ELSEWHERE
AND THIS DOESN'T SEEM REAL
WHY WASN'T YOUR PHONE ON YESTERDAY?
THE TWO OF YOU ARE USING CHIZURU-SAN'S ILLNESS AS AN EXCUSE!
LIAR!
NO.
SOMETHING HAPPENED WITH MADOKA-SAN, DIDN'T IT?!
. I WAS ALMOST TOUCHED BY HIM AGAIN YESTERDAY .!
YOU'RE MY ONLY SUPPORT...!
IT'S NO USE TALKING TO MAMA EITHER!


I DON'T NEED ANYTHING SPECIAL.
I ONLY WANT TO BE WITH MADOKA.
I STILL
LOVE MADOKA MORE THAN YOU.
I CAN ONLY EXPRESS THOSE THINGS WHEN I'M WITH HER
SILLY THINGS, LAUGHTER AND ANGER.
I CAN'T HELP BUT ENJOY BEING WITH HER

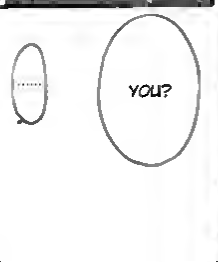
KACLANG
KACLANG
KACLANG
KACLANG
IS MADOKA OKAY?
EH?
IT'S NOT THAT
SHE ISN'T OUT OF IT.
SHE WON'T TALK AT ALL...
SHE SEEMS OUT OF IT
WHY DO YOU ASK?
STUFF LIKE THE WEATHER AND CELEBRITY GOSSIP
SHE'S TRYING TO WAKE HER UP
MADOKA STAYS IN THE ROOM TALKING TO CHIZURU-SAN

I COULDN'T COME YESTERDAY
ERMM
DID ONO GO SOMEWHERE?
HOW IS CHIZURU-SAN ?

DON'T SLEEP OUT HERE
YOU'LL CATCH A COLD

CAN'T SLEEP AT NIGHT?
.....

ME NEITHER.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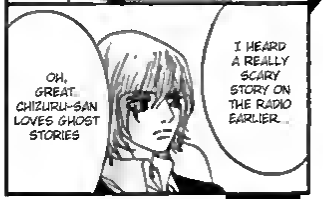
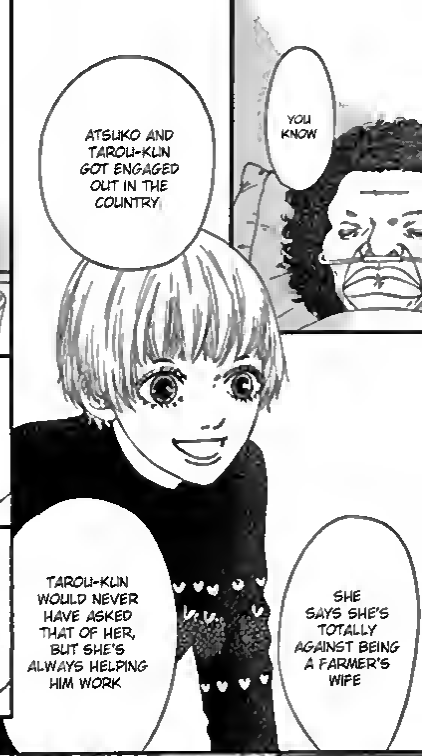
YOU?

HOW'S CHIZURU-SAN ...?
TOMOYO IS WITH HER.

There is no end
The end
silence

ME?
YOU SHOULD TALK TO HER TOO ONO.


OH, GREAT. CHIZURU-SAN LOVES GHOST STORIES
I HEARD A REALLY SCARY STORY ON THE RADIO EARLIER...


YOU KNOW
ATSUKO AND TAROU-KUN GOT ENGAGED OUT IN THE COUNTRY
TAROU-KUN WOULD NEVER HAVE ASKED THAT OF HER, BUT SHE'S ALWAYS HELPING HIM WORK
SHE SAYS SHE'S TOTALLY AGAINST BEING A FARMER'S WIFE

I SECRETLY HOPED I WOULD RUN INTO TOMOYO.
I WOULD GO HANG OUT AT CHIZURU-SAN'S PLACE.
EVEN AFTER I CUT OFF CONTACT WITH TOMOYO
IT WAS A REASON TO BE AROUND THE ASAGI HOUSE
OR I MIGHT BUMP INTO HIM IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD
I THOUGHT HE MIGHT COME HANG AT CHIZURU-SAN'S PLACE
YEAH.
I'M AFRAID TO FALL ASLEEP.
I'M REALLY TIRED, BUT I CAN'T FALL ASLEEP
IT'S BEEN 5 DAYS
SINCE CHIZURU-SAN LOST CONSCIOUSNESS.
WHY ARE YOU IGNORING TOMOYO?
AND CHIZURU-SAN STILL FOUND FAVOR IN ME.
I THOUGHT THOSE THINGS
MADOKA
WHEN SHE FELL ILL
SHE RELIED ON ME
YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE I TALK TO BESIDES MY FAMILY
I'M THE WORST.

"IF SHE DIES THEN I'LL NEVER SEE TOMOYO AGAIN"
I DON'T WANT HER TO DIE...!
BUT LATELY TOMOYO HAS BEEN COMING TO CHIZURU-SAN'S PLACE
AND I FIND MYSELF THINKING
AT THAT TIME I THOUGHT
I'LL PROTECT HER TILL ONO COMES BACK HOME
YOU
KNOW...
I REALLY HATE MYSELF
WHEN I SEE CHIZURU-SAN WITH THAT OXYGEN MASK
I'M DONE WITH IT ALL...
IF IT SAVES CHIZURU-SAN ...
BUT I'M SO DONE...
TOMOYO ISN'T THE BAD ONE...

CAN I STAY OVER THE HOUSE TODAY...?
SURE I'LL NEVER SAY NO.
IT'S FINE I'LL BORROW CHIZURU-SAN'S PAJAMAS
It might smell a bit.
AH! I HAVEN'T DONE LAUNDRY
SHIFF
I'LL BORROW A SWEATSHIRT AND PANTS AGAIN...
CHIZURU-SAN
WAKE UP ALREADY.

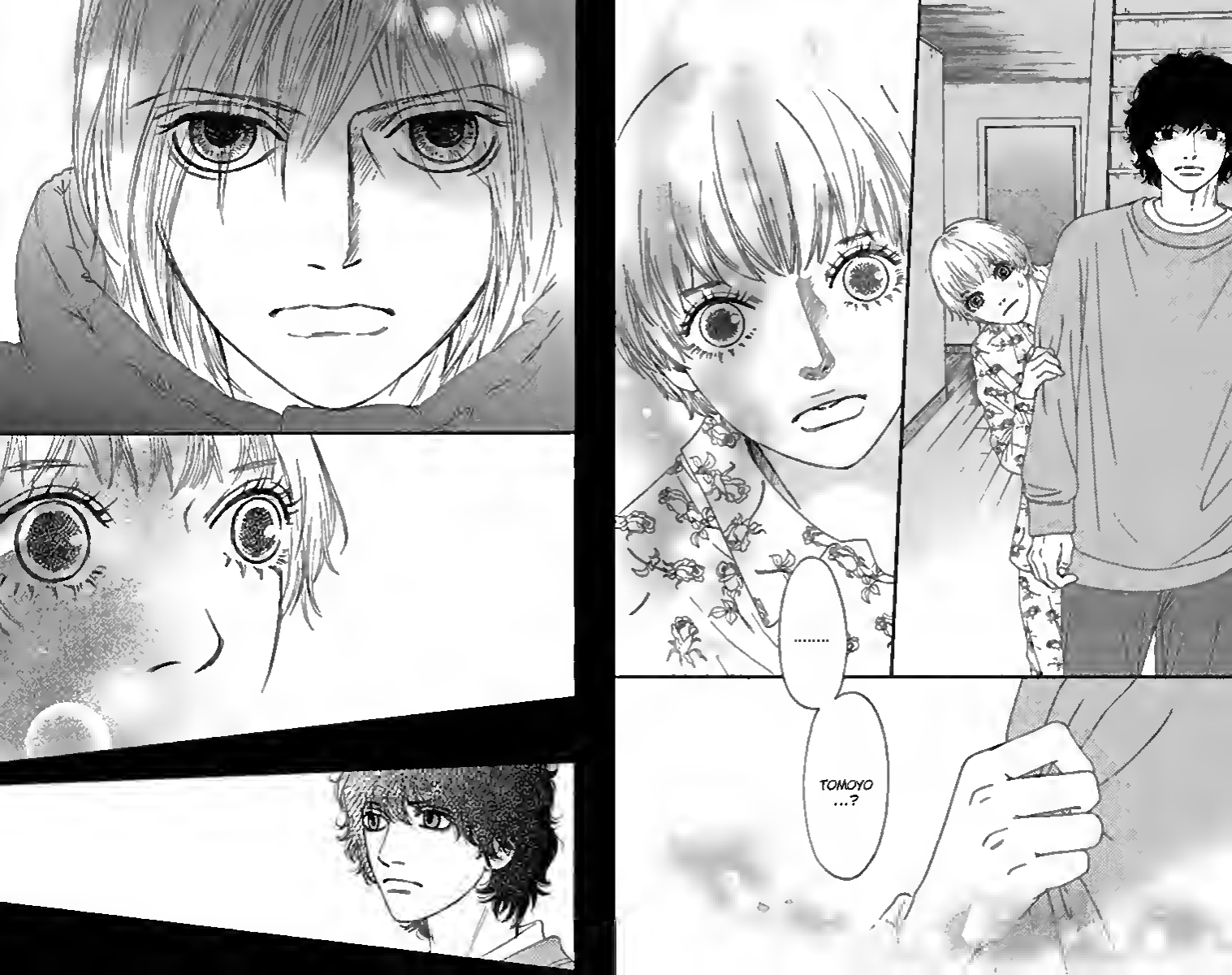
I WOULD HAVE NEVER SEEN HER AGAIN WHILE I WAS AWAY
IF IT WEREN'T FOR YOUR LETTERS
I'M GRATEFUL TO YOU, MADOKA.
TO CHIZURU-SAN SOMEDAY AFTER TRAVELING FOR A WHILE...
I HAD PLANNED TO GO BACK
I NEVER WOULD HAVE REALIZED UNTIL I READ YOUR LETTERS
BESIDES, I HAVE NOWHERE ELSE TO CALL HOME BUT THERE.

00:32
GOOD NIGHT
BEDTIME THEN?
WE'LL BE AT THE HOSPITAL TOMORROW.
GOOD NIGHT
THAT'S TRUE
CRACK
SLIIIIDE

AS ANYONE WOULD BE.
RATHER...
YEAH.
I FEEL HELPLESS
YEAH.
MADOKA
ARE YOU AWAKE?
I GUESS WE STILL CAN'T SLEEP.
.....

shock
DING DONG
DING DONG
DING DONG
YOU THINK THEY WOULD SEND A MESSAGE THIS LATE?
MAYBE HER CONDITION CHANGED...
DING DONG
DING DONG
DING DONG
WHO KNOWS...
WHAT THE?! IT'S THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT...!
knock
knock
knock
knock
knock
knock
IF IT'S A STRANGER ...
IS IT OKAY TO OPEN THE DOOR?!

CHIZURU-SAN
DON'T DIE.
DON'T DIE.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TOMOYO ...?

GRAB
EH...?!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING...?!
LET GO OF ME!

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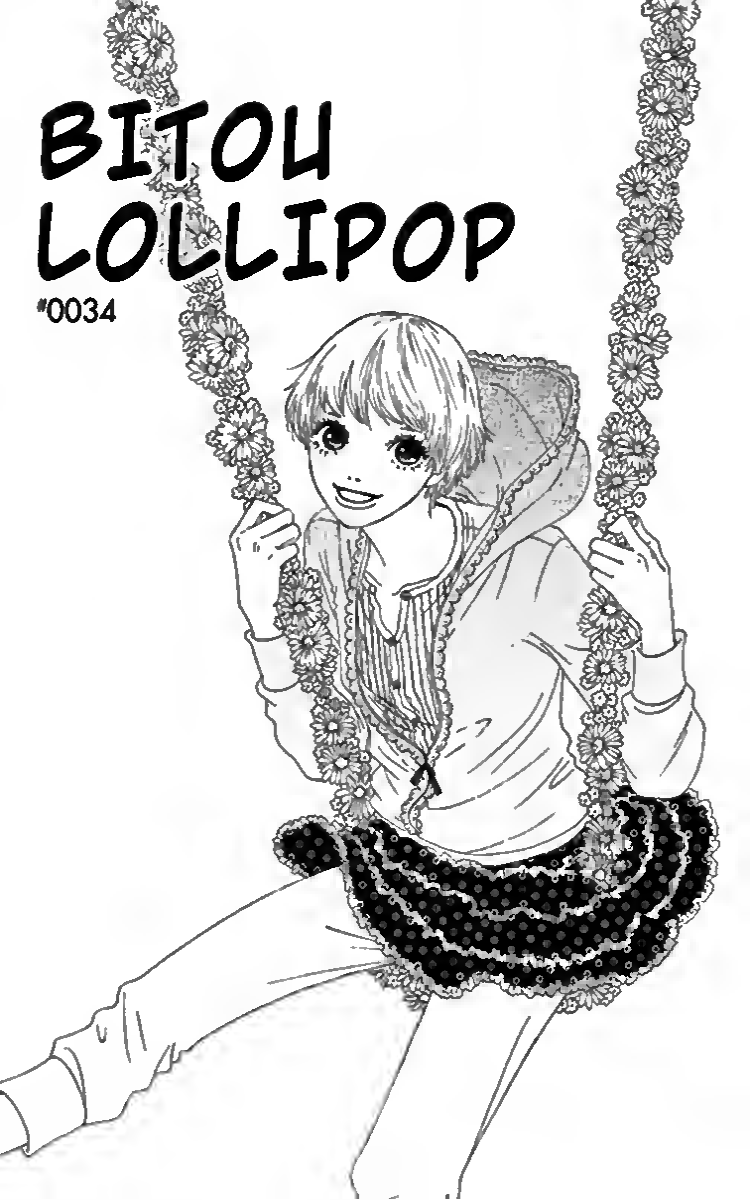

WHAT ...!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING ...?!
LET GO! LET GO YOU MORON!
ONO...!
EH?
TAKE CARE.

I SAID SAY SOMETHING!
WHY IS HE DOING THIS NOW?
I FINALLY DECIDED TO FORGET HIM.
WHEN HE CHOSE RUNA-CHAN
YOU'RE SO STUBBORN, TOMOYO
I DECIDED TO STOP THINKING OF TOMOYO.
NOW HE'S MESSED EVERYTHING UP.
I DON'T WANT TO THINK OF YOU, TOMOYO!
I DON'T WANT TO THINK OF ANYTHING ELSE
MY MIND IS ONLY ON CHIZURU-SAN RIGHT NOW.
WAIT!
WAIT, TOMOYO!
WHY?
WHAT'S WITH YOU?!
STOP IT ALREADY
SAY SOMETHING, TOMOYO
TOMO...!

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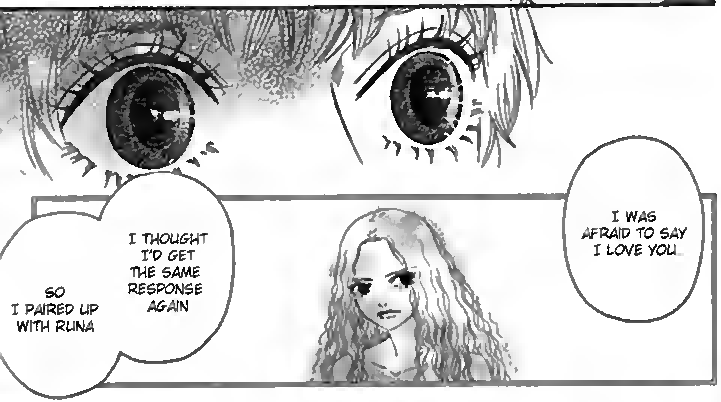
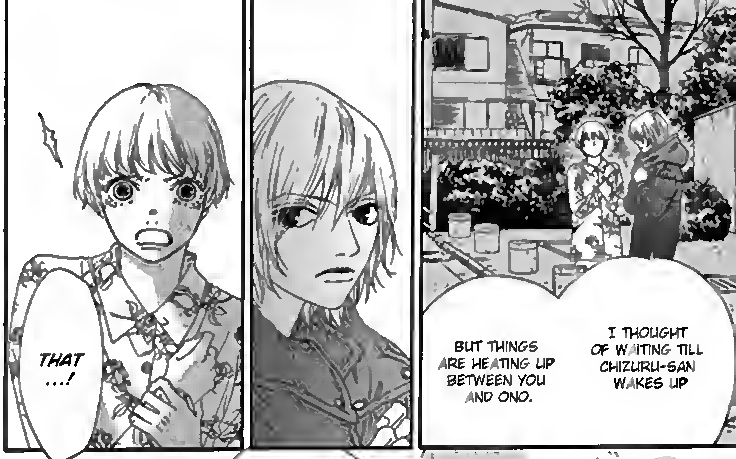
I THOUGHT LEAVING WOULD BE BETTER.
IT HURT KNOWING YOU DIDN'T LOVE ME THE WAY I LOVED YOU.


SO I PAIRED UP WITH RUNA
I THOUGHT I'D GET THE SAME RESPONSE AGAIN
I WAS AFRAID TO SAY I LOVE YOU...

BUT I'VE DECIDED TO STOP RUNNING AWAY FROM MY FEELINGS.


THAT ...!
BUT THINGS ARE HEATING UP BETWEEN YOU AND ONO.
I THOUGHT OF WAITING TILL CHIZURU-SAN WAKES UP

YOU HAVE RUNA-CHAN...
THAT'S NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS!

I WON'T GIVE UP EVEN IF YOU LIKE ONO.
HE JUST SUDDENLY SAYS THIS NOW?
I THINK I BELIEVE I'M THE ONLY ONE HURT IN ALL THIS.
DO YOU ...

I WANT TO BE WITH YOU, MADOKA.
I WANT TO BE THE CLOSEST ONE TO YOU.
I WANT TO KEEP YOU TO MYSELF.

MY PARENTS WON THE LOTTERY.
IT CHANGED OUR LIVES IN AN INSTANT
TO WHERE I LIVED WITH A FAMILY I DIDN'T KNOW
ONE DAY SUDDENLY

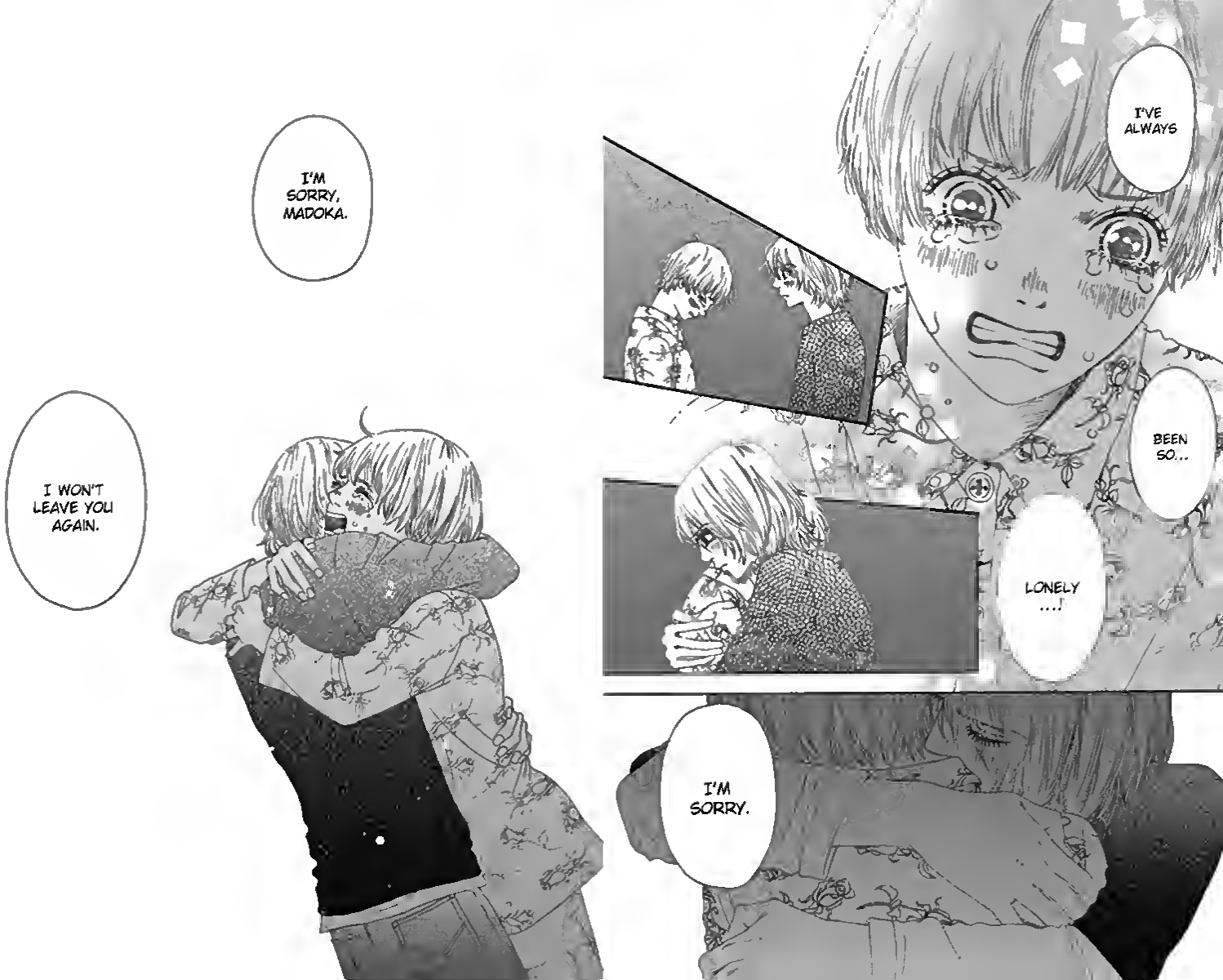
FOR SOME REASON HE TOLD ME HE LOVED ME.
THERE LIVED AN UNSOCIABLE BOY WITH A BEAUTIFUL FACE

WHAT AM I SAYING?
IS THAT SO. .? THAT'S WHAT IT SOUNDED LIKE
NO.

SOMEHOW
I CAN'T TELL HIM, "I LOVE YOU TOO!"
I CAN'T TELL HIM WHAT I WANT TO SAY

ARE YOU GOING HOME?
I CAN'T SPEAK...
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
MADOKA

IDIOT! MORON!
I'VE BEEN SO LONELY.
Hey, what time do you think it is?!
What is it?
A rookie error?
TOMOYO
I'VE ALWAYS, ALWAYS AND ALWAYS
THOUGHT YOU WOULD BE WITH ME.
WHEN I FIX UPON HIS EYES
I SEE INSECURITY.
...WHY DID YOU LEAVE ME THEN?!


I'M SORRY, MADOKA.
I WON'T LEAVE YOU AGAIN.
I'M SORRY.
I'VE ALWAYS
BEEN SO...
LONELY ...!

I'VE BEEN COMING HERE TO THINK LATELY
UWAH..
IT BRINGS BACK MEMORIES.
It hasn't been that long since I left
I NEVER CAME IN IT AFTER YOU MOVED TO YOUR APARTMENT.
OWW!
CRA SH
LEAVE IT. IT'S JUNK ANYWAY.
SERIOUSLY ?
Doesn't your dad likes antiques ?
I'LL GET SOME CLOTHES FROM THE HOUSE
Tell me sooner...
...I BROKE SOMETHING.
OH, WATCH YOUR STEP.
MY FATHER HAS BEEN STORING STUFF IN HERE.

WHY?
IS THAT SO?
YOU SAID SO YOU SAID IT WAS TO BE TORN DOWN WHEN I LEFT
THE GUESTHOUSE
THERE'S NO KEY SO WE'LL GO THROUGH THE WINDOW.
the he...
what an asshole
WHY?
I THOUGHT IT WAS TORN DOWN...
IT'S STILL HERE.

MADOKA
MY HANDS ARE FULL. OPEN THE DOOR
KNOCK KNOCK
RUB RUB
OH, SURE
IT FEELS LIKE CAMPING
YOU SHOULD SLEEP
I'LL BE AT THE HOSPITAL TOO
PFFT
"WHAT'S WITH YOU?"
"I WANT TO GO OUT WITH YOU."
"I"
"DON'T LEAVE"

TOMOYO
I'VE ALWAYS LOVED YOU
MORE THAN YOU THINK I DO.
DO YOU KNOW THAT?
OKAY?
I LOVE YOU.

IT'S ALRIGHT. YOU'LL SLEEP.
I CAN'T
SLEEP
I TOLD YOU I CAN'T
THIS SET-UP MAKES ME NERVOUS
AND HONESTLY
QUIT STARING AT ME...
I KNOW
I'VE HAD ANXIETY LATELY...
BUT I CAN'T SLEEP.
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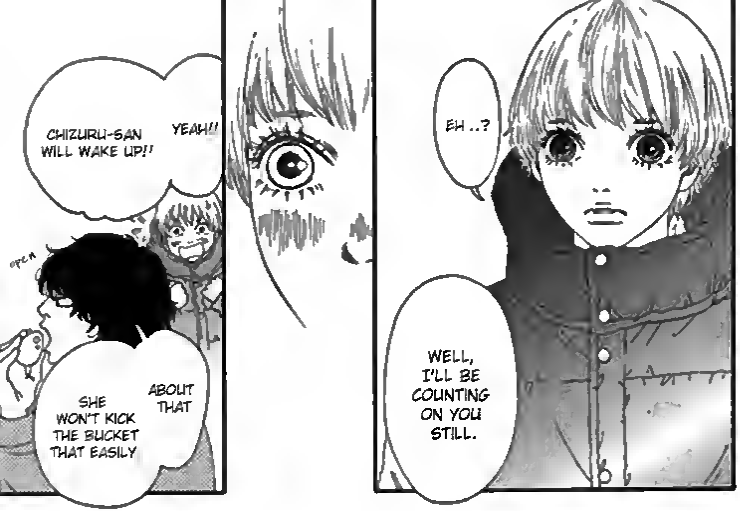
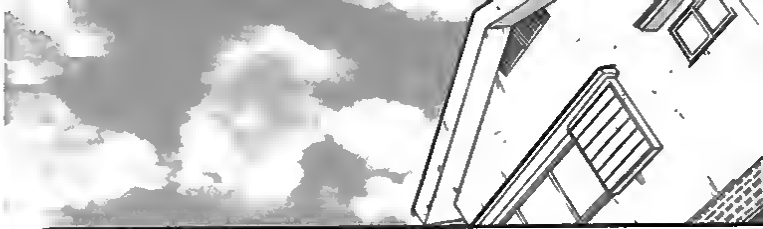
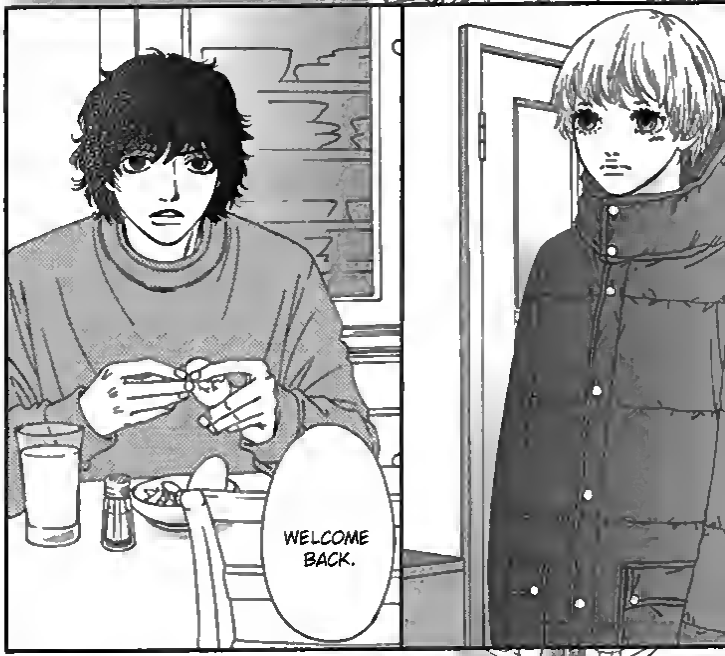
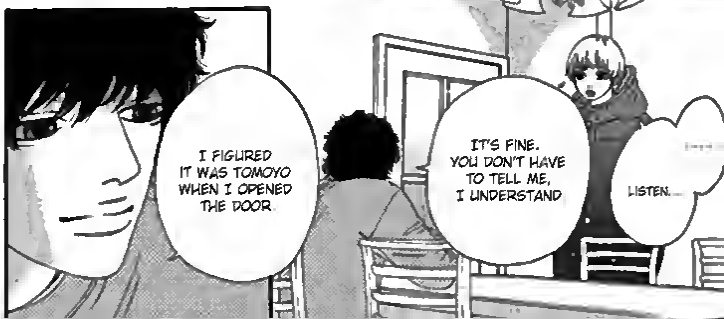
snore
WELL
AT LEAST LET ME KISS YOU.


CHIZURU-SAN WILL WAKE UP!!
YEAH!!
SHE WON'T KICK THE BUCKET THAT EASILY
ABOUT THAT
EH..?
WELL, I'LL BE COUNTING ON YOU STILL.

I'M SORRY.
THANK YOU, ONO.
Do you eat soiled eggs for breakfast?




WELCOME BACK.


I FIGURED IT WAS TOMOYO WHEN I OPENED THE DOOR.
IT'S FINE. YOU DON'T HAVE TO TELL ME, I UNDERSTAND
LISTEN...

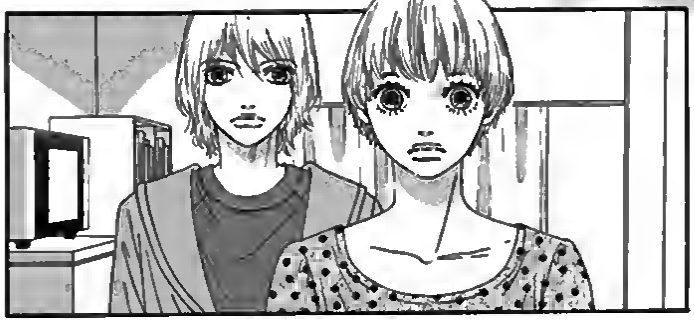
IT'S THE LIGHTING
THE FLORESCENT LIGHT RUINED IT
...How strange
YEAH... IT DIDN'T LOOK THIS BAD ON THE CAMERA SCREEN
THIS PHOTO..?
...Really..?
THIS REALLY IS BAD.
SHE LOOKS LIKE A RABID ANIMAL
IT LOOKS LIKE A MUG SHOT...
THIS IS TERRIBLE.
CHIZURU-SAN!
You guys.
Take too much

CHIZURU-SAN WOKE UP
TWO DAYS LATER
WHAT'S THAT PHOTO?
SHE WAS FEELING BETTER THAT DAY, SO SHE ASKED ME TO TAKE HER PICTURE
SHE EVEN WORE A KIMONO
EH?! SHOW ME.
I TOOK IT A WHILE BACK.
I FORGOT I HAD IT PRINTED.
SHE HAD PLAYED THE KOTO THEN.
ERM...
I THINK SHE HAD PLANNED IT TO BE HER FUNERAL PORTRAIT.

YOU AND PAPA FOUND YOUR DREAMS.

I TOO

MADE MANY THINGS PRECIOUS TO ME

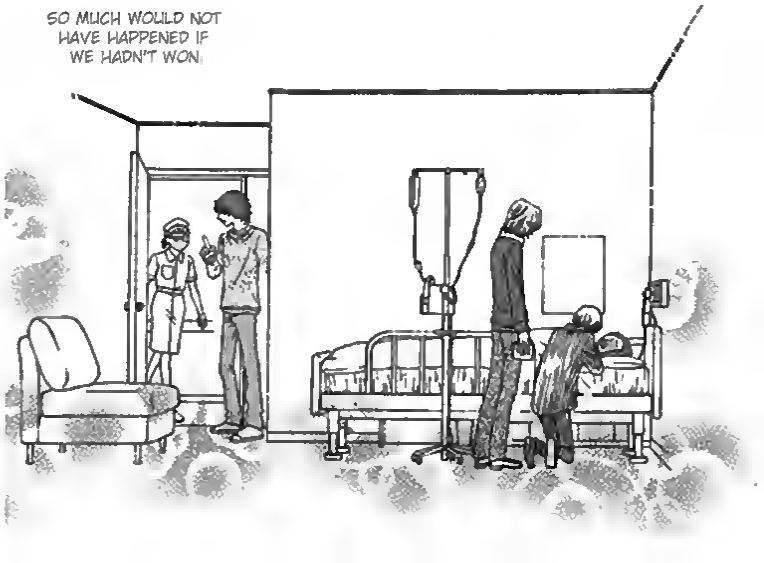


YOU CAN'T HELP BUT THINK, "WHAT IF WE HADN'T WON THE LOTTERY?"

MAMA

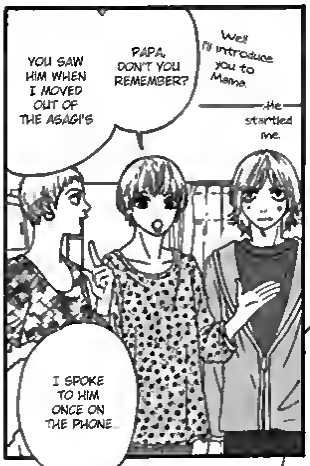
I'M SAD OUR FAMILY IS IN PIECES.

SO MUCH WOULD NOT HAVE HAPPENED IF WE HADN'T WON.



STOP IT.
SIT DOWN OR I WILL KILL YOU.
DATING
Gotou Masanori
How embarrassing
I'M ASAGI TOMOYO. MADOKA-SAN AND I ARE DATING.
IT'S NICE TO MEET YOU.
LET HIM BE.
UMM... IS HE...
SHALL WE HAVE SOME TEA AND GO OUT?
HM?
TOMOYO WON'T INHERIT HIS FATHER'S COMPANY
RIGHT?
I WAS WORRIED YOU'D NEVER GET A GUY SINCE YOU'RE A LATE BLOOMER AND ALL
YOU LANDED YOURSELF A HANDSOME COMPANY HEIR.
GOOD JOB, MADOKA.

I TOLD YOU IN A TEXT I'M COMING TO TOKYO TO LOOK FOR A PLACE.
Dunno.
WELCOME
WHY IS PAPA HERE?
UWAAAAAAAAAAAH
LEAVING ME OUT WHILE THE TWO OF YOU LIVE IN TOKYO!!
YOU BOTH ARE CRUEL!


YOU SAW HIM WHEN I MOVED OUT OF THE ASAGI'S
PAPA, DON'T YOU REMEMBER?
Well I'll introduce you to Mama.
...He startled me.
I SPOKE TO HIM ONCE ON THE PHONE.

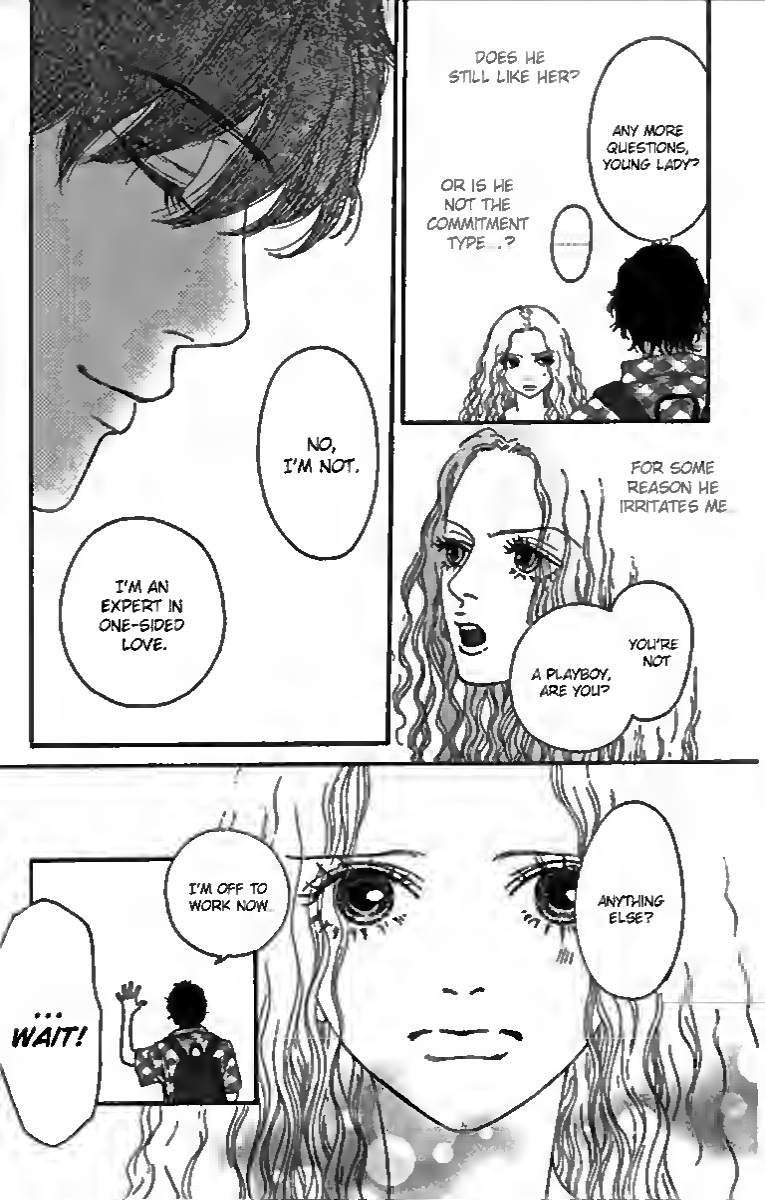
BUT
I'm done with college and Madoka's been here for a while.
HUH? WE'RE SEPARATED.
WHY IS HE IN YOUR ROOM?!!
WHO IS THIS?!!

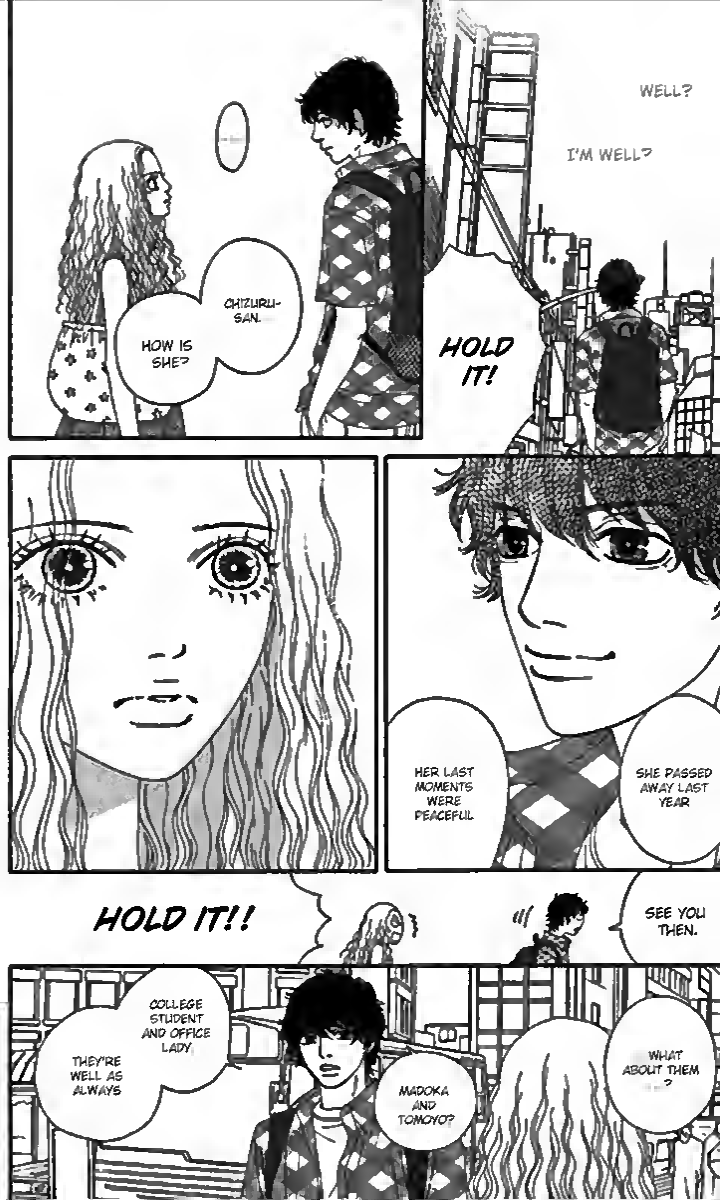
HUH? WHY?
PAPA, YOU HAVE A JOB IN SHIZUOKA.
I DON'T WANT TO LIVE ALONE IN SHIZUOKA.
I'LL QUIT.
EH? I CAN GET TRAINING ANYWHERE.
...HEY NOW, DIDN'T YOU WANT TRAINING TO RUN YOUR OWN BAR SOMEDAY...?
TH-T OLD FART IS SO LOUD.
HEY!
I DON'T CARE ABOUT RUNNING A PLACE!
THEN I'LL ALSO FIND AN APARTMENT!
YOU'RE SEPARATED!
I WANT TO LIVE WITH YOU AND YOUR MOTHER!!
YOU SAID YOU'RE INDEBTED TO YOUR BOSS!
CAN YOU SHUT UP FOR A BIT?
IS IT YOU ONE

IDI-...! WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!
EH?! NO...!
OH, I SEE.
HUH?
EH?
EH?
YOU WANT TO BE A MANGA ARTIST, RIGHT?
Hm? It's totally fine.
Ah! I'm sorry.
I THINK NOW I'D LIKE TO RUN THE FAMILY BUSINESS.
I ONLY SAID THAT BEFORE AS AN ACT OF REBELLION TOWARDS MY MOTHER.
...I'LL MOVE TO TOKYO TOO.
I'm no storyteller and I can't draw!
NO! MORE LIKE, I CAN'T!
That's more interesting.
BE A MANGA ARTIST
EH? IS THAT SO...?
IT'S FINE I'M SURE YOU'LL MAKE MONEY AT EITHER ONE.
Not likely...

RECENTLY
I'VE REALIZED
MY LIFE HAS REALLY CHANGED
BUT WHEN I MET TOMOYO
NOT WHEN WE WON THE LOTTERY
I'm so lonely
I'm so lonely
so lonely
HEY, OLD MAN
WANT TO LIVE WITH ME?
... HUH?
YOU MIGHT BE UNHAPPY WITHOUT MADOKA THOUGH!
I'M ASKING IF YOU WANT TO LIVE WITH ME IN TOKYO.

HOW MANY YEARS HAS IT BEEN?
OH, I'M RIGHT.
HMPH. YOU LOOK WELL.
SEE YOU.
TWO AND A HALF YEARS.
I DON'T REMEMBER.
...WHO ARE YOU?
WHEN WE MET
EVERYTHING CHANGED.
THE PEOPLE AT COLLEGE ARE ONLY DATING TO MAKE MORE FRIENDS THEY'RE ALL INSANELY STUPID TOO
HOW BORING.
EVERY DAY IS BORING
OR AM I JUST DEPRESSED ?
HUH?
EVERYDAY MEANS NOTHING.


I'M AN EXPERT IN ONE-SIDED LOVE.
NO, I'M NOT.
DOES HE STILL LIKE HER?
OR IS HE NOT THE COMMITMENT TYPE..?
ANY MORE QUESTIONS, YOUNG LADY?
FOR SOME REASON HE IRRITATES ME.
YOU'RE NOT A PLAYBOY, ARE YOU?
I'M OFF TO WORK NOW.
...WAIT!
ANYTHING ELSE?


HOW IS SHE?
CHIZURU-SAN.
HOLD IT!
I'M WELL?
WELL?
HER LAST MOMENTS WERE PEACEFUL
SHE PASSED AWAY LAST YEAR
HOLD IT!!
SEE YOU THEN.
THEY'RE WELL AS ALWAYS
COLLEGE STUDENT AND OFFICE LADY
MADOKA AND TOMOYO?
WHAT ABOUT THEM...?

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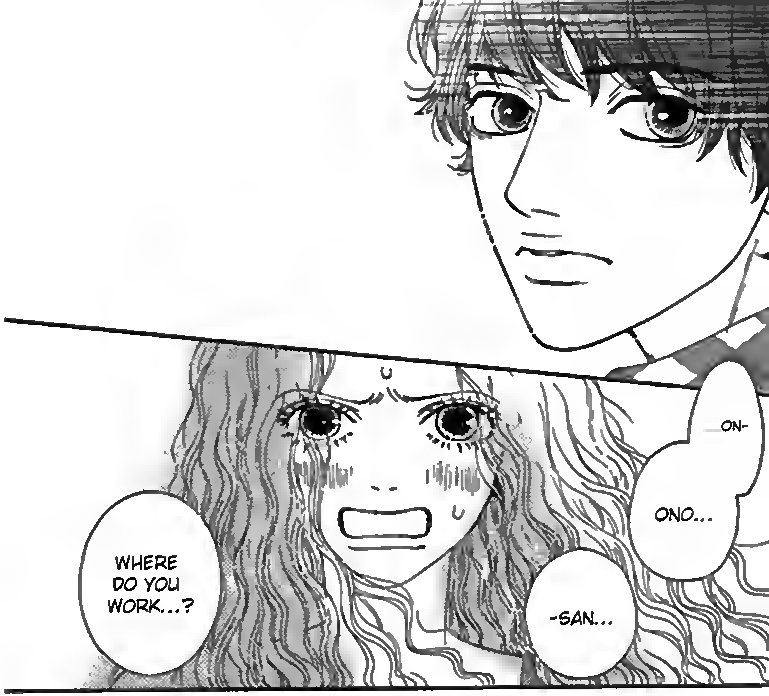

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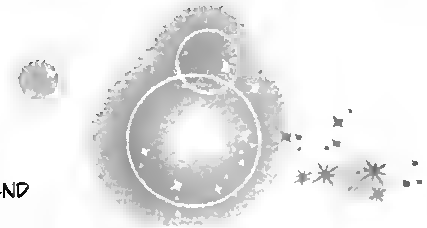

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